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ABOUT OUR BOOK...

This book is dedicated to all the friends of the CITY OF WALTON. We have put together some stories and pictures for your enjoyment. Hopefully, to bring back to mind some pleasant memories for some and record some for the future. The past and present articles and pictures are compiled to observe our 150th Anniversary. This book is to be placed in our "Time Capsule" located in front of our City Building by the flagpole. As we reviewed the articles of the past, we find "History" does repeat itself. Always, the leaders of our community are facing the same problems such as street improvements, dogs, taxes and services to provide better living conditions. Geographically, the City has changed due to the construction of I-75. As in the past, on the horizon lurks "progress", with the development of several new homes, Clarion and Flying J Truck Plaza. Thus, Walton is destined to grow—only the future will tell. We want to thank all the contributors of pictures, stories and sponsorships. Along with the dedication, the book will serve as a tribute to our oldest citizens, Lucille Brakefield, Faye Conner, Charles "Hunky" Holder, J.B. Johnson, R.M. Hall, former Mayor, Agnes Sleet and Louise Conrad. Also, a special tribute to the memory of Doris Taylor for her poem. She will be long remembered for giving of her time and talents so unselfishly.

Special recognition to several persons for their contributions of stories and work capacity: Marie Blizzard; Helen Jones; Jim Lawrence; Barbara Schadler; Holly Koons; Voni Pierce; Peggy Gray; Jack Rouse; Jesse Thornton; Anna Simpson; Richard Walton for the Walton Family Prayer (Mr. Walton is an authority on Walton Family Ancestry with connections to the Abner Gaines-Gault House and possibly why the City's name was changed from Gaines Fork to Walton); our typesetter, Crystle Carnahan of Carnahan Graphics; David and Rita Due of Colonial Press Printers for the printing of our book; and last but definitely not least — Ruth Glenn, our Editor.

"Thanks" to our Boone County Fiscal Court for their generosity in providing funds for our cover. "Hats off" to Judge Executive Bruce Ferguson and Commissioners Don Davis, Irene Patrick and Shirley Meihaus.

*This is the story of our town
And it started a long time ago.
We were born in the year 1840
Our records tell us so.*

*It's a long time to survive;
One hundred and fifty years;
But survive we have
Through laughter and through
tears.*

*We've had our share of troubles
There's been a lot of strife
But these things happen to lots of folks
During a much shorter life.*

*There's nothing like a small town;
Your neighbor is your friend
If you're in trouble and they're needed
They'll be there till the end.*

*Long ago they visited their neighbors
On horseback or by walking
And their biggest entertainment
Was parlor games or talking.*

*We've gained a lot over the years
But haven't we lost a lot too?
Isn't it nice to have a knock at the door
And they don't want anything but to see you?*

*In big cities you don't know your neighbors;
You don't have a lot of friends;
Acquaintances, yes, but would they be there
If you had real trouble; on them could you depend?*

*Maybe we have grown slowly
And held on to the past
But, hopefully things we hold on to
Will help Walton and its people to last.*



by Doris Taylor

ANNELIESE



Anneliese D. Wahrenburg, Artist, is the sole creator of Walton's 150th Anniversary Book cover.

Born with a paint brush in her hand, Anneliese was raised in Germany, where she acquired an "Old World" insight and style during her years at the Art Academy of Hamburg. Anneliese remembers Christmas in Germany when she would ask for her favorite gift year after year: pencils and paper. After Hamburg was destroyed, Anneliese set out for America. She arrived in the United States in

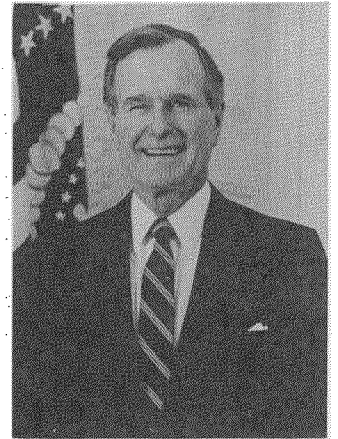
1954. Although America offered many places to locate, Anneliese made her home in Northern Kentucky. She has been in the Boone County, Walton area for 27 years. It is here she has inspired many of her students to acquire the eye for painting. Giving lessons almost four times a week, Anneliese has become a familiar face to the Walton community. However, Anneliese is known both far and near. A prolific and enthusiastic painter, she has exhibited in galleries, universities and shows throughout the eastern United States. Although her primary media is oil, Anneliese has received major recognition for her acrylic, watercolor, tempura, pencil, ink and charcoal works with her paintings found in homes throughout the United States and Europe. Anneliese's list of credits include wall murals in homes and businesses, magazine covers and paintings for various public buildings.

So with Anneliese being one of our Walton citizens with a beautiful talent, we feel honored that her work adorns our "Special Book". Her picture is the former "Opera House". The building was used as a community building housing silent movies, stage shows, educational classes and the Presbyterian Church. In an article by C. Spencer Chambers in the year 1929, Judge Ben Menefee used the Opera House occasionally to try cases coming up in the Boone Circuit Court. In Mr. Chambers words, probably no other Opera House in America had a more varied and interesting career as the one in Walton. Built in the late 1800's by Albert Brittenhelm and A.M. Edwards, the "Palace of Amusement" brought more happiness to the town by their venture, than any other men that helped Walton to become the Metropolis of Boone County. The Sebree and Prather families operated the Model Food Store from the early 40's until the building was torn down in the late 70's.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1990



To the Citizens of Walton, Kentucky:

You have my warmest congratulations as you celebrate your 150th anniversary.

As you well know, Walton is more than a collection of buildings, it is more than a place on the map. From its earliest days, it has nurtured the lives and accomplishments of countless individuals -- individuals united through the years by a common love for the place they call home. That deep sense of community, of responsibility toward one's neighbor and the common good, resonates through all cities and towns across America. It is one of our nation's greatest strengths.

This milestone gives you a splendid opportunity to reaffirm that community spirit, taking just pride in the past and rededicating yourselves to the promise of a bright future.

Barbara and I send you best wishes for a joyous celebration. God bless you.

George Bush



GOVERNOR WALLACE G. WILKINSON
CAPITOL
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601

June 21, 1990

CONGRATULATIONS CITIZENS OF WALTON:

These are historic times for citizens of Walton and the entire Commonwealth. As you celebrate your city's 150th anniversary, Kentuckians are planning a gala observance of the state's Bicentennial in 1992. About 50 years before Walton was formed, Kentucky became the 14th state to join the Union.

We cherish our rich heritage in Kentucky. Our wonderful history has prepared us for the great adventure that lies ahead as the Commonwealth heads into its third century.

We are proud that advances in economic development and employment for our people are at peak levels. Kentucky's nationally acclaimed education reform package just enacted has launched us into the 21st century.

It is exciting to review our marvelous past. Better still, an exhilarating future lies ahead. The struggle to bring equity in educational opportunity to all Kentuckians was hard fought. The education reform measures assures that quality education is not a function of geography.

The citizens of Walton can look forward to the bright future as Kentucky moves boldly ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Wallace G. Wilkinson'.

Wallace G. Wilkinson



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August 9, 1990

Dear Walton Friends,

Congratulations on your 150th anniversary. This is a proud time for the city of Walton and surrounding community. In its' 150 years, Walton has grown from a small beginning to a community that is a valuable asset to our county.

The greatest contribution of your city has been those many outstanding citizens who through the years have distinguished themselves in the Northern Kentucky community.

I look forward to celebrating with you and would like to express my personal thanks to the many volunteers who have dedicated their time to the success of this celebration.

Best wishes for the coming years.

Sincerely,

Bruce Ferguson
County Judge-Executive

CITY HALL



Dedicated Sunday, May 5, 1985 to the memory of volunteer fireman Jimmy Isbell, who gave his life while serving his community. The Walton City Council were Mayor George W. Ryan and Councilmen M. Deane Poore, Clayton B. Jones, Chester L. Armstrong, William King, William Wethington and Rev. William C. Johnson. The Architect was D. Brigham Roberts Architect and Associates, Inc. Ashley Development was the Contractor. The Plaque hanging in the lobby was donated by the Sisters of St. Joseph. The building cost \$250,000 to build. The old City Building burned in August, 1983. Dr. William Waller graciously offered his property at 14 South Main Street as temporary quarters for the City to carry on business, remaining there until December 1984. A "Time Capsule" is to be placed on the right side of the building by the flag pole commemorating our "150th Anniversary". Mayor William King will deposit this capsule to be opened in the year 2040 to reveal some of our precious memories.



Mayor William King
1990
150th Anniversary

This page sponsored by Mayor William King and family — 16 years dedicated service

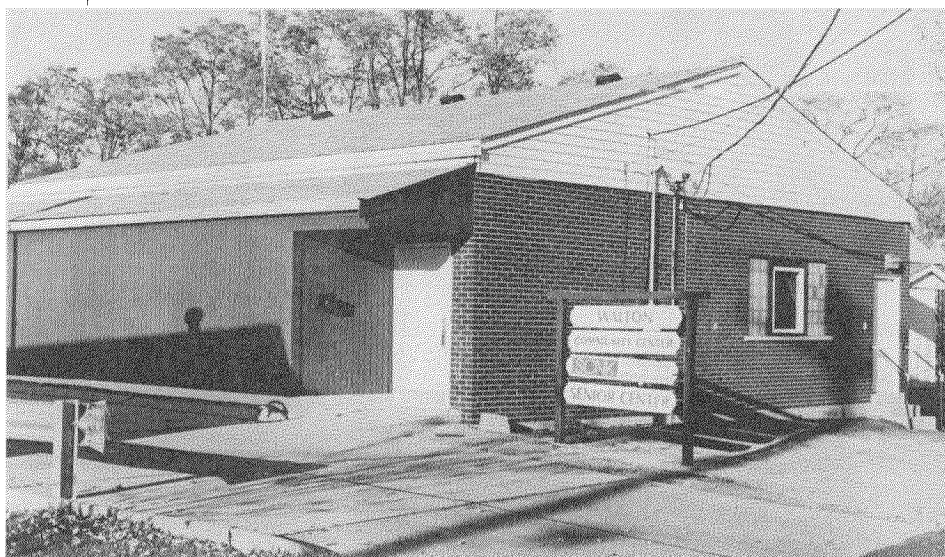


COUNCIL — 1990



Front row, left to right: City Clerk, Ruth Glenn who has been with the City since 1974; Mayor William King, serving his third term as Mayor; City Attorney, Tony Frohlich.

Back row: John Rich, serving his third term on Council; Art Meisberger, who has just started his first term on Council; Clayton Jones, serving his third term on Council; Donna Scroggins, first term on Council; Roselyn Beach, also her first term; Anna Mae Simpson, serving her second term on Council. Anna Mae also served the City in the capacity of City Clerk.



10 Church Street
Community Center —
Council meetings held
2nd Monday of each
month



WALTON CITY EMPLOYEES

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STARTING DATE</u>
Ruth Glenn	City Clerk	September 6, 1974
Voni Pierce	Asst. City Clerk	March 31, 1980
Peggy Gray	Bookkeeper	November 25, 1985
Donna Rosenstiel	Part-time Clerk	August 31, 1989
Phil Trzop	Asst. to Mayor	
	Bldg. Inspector	August 1, 1988
Cecil Stewart	Maintenance Supervisor	June 3, 1980
Tim Aubrey	Maintenance #2	April 9, 1990
Dave Armstrong	Maintenance #2	June 4, 1990

The City of Walton has 10 employees, nine full-time employees and one part-time. There are five different departments that make up the city's work force.

The clerk's office is where Ruth, Voni, Peggy and Donna work, then there is Phil who is the Building Inspector and the Assistant to the Mayor. Cecil is in the Public Works Department and also works on the Water Department with Tim and Dave.

Each department plays an important part in the daily operation of the city. All city employees must establish and maintain effective working relationships with the city officials, supervisory personnel, fellow workers and the general public.

The city employees are very dedicated to their jobs and the citizens of Walton. They work their 40 hours a week and frequently handle complaints and answer numerous phone calls at home to help keep the wheels of the city turning. Working with the Mayor and the City Council, the city employees hope to continue to help the City of Walton grow and prosper.



This page sponsored by Bob, John, Peggy, Sandy and Vicki Gillispie,
in memory of our brother, Jim Gillispie



WALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE STARTED</u>
John Hines	Lieutenant	May 24, 1974
Richard Hudson	Police Officer	January 27, 1986
Roger Paul	Police Officer	July 25, 1988

Established in 1939, the Walton Police Department consists of a Lieutenant and two Police Officers—all are full-time employees. All personnel are fully qualified, trained and certified having undergone a testing process and the state-mandated training program.

It is estimated that the Walton force will annually answer about 1500 calls, issue 409 citations, investigate 36 accidents, make 66 arrests and take about 516 reports. The police department patrols with two cruisers and travel approximately 40,000 miles annually.

Each new officer must attend the 400 hours basic academy training program and the one week breathalyzer school at the Kentucky Bureau of Training in Richmond, Kentucky, plus each officer must qualify with a weapon twice annually. The three experienced officers must take 40 hours of in-service training annually, plus breathalyzer training.

The police force consists of Lt. John Hines who has served the department for 16 years; Ptl. Richard Hudson who has served for four years; and our youngest officer, Roger Paul who has served with the force for two years.

The police department is one of the most important parts of the City of Walton. They maintain law and order, prevent crime, answer numerous phone calls and handle complaints. These officers must have an updated knowledge of state and local law, as well as our own city ordinances.

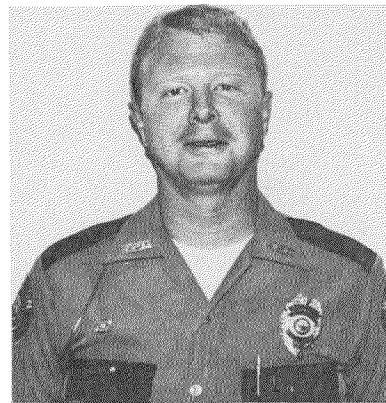
The City of Walton is very pleased and proud of our Police Department.



Lt. John Hines



Officer Richard Hudson



Officer Roger Paul



1885
L and N RAILROAD STATION WALTON

Walton was the largest town in Boone County. There was no US 25. The now US 25 was Lexington Pike. This was mostly a dirt and rock road. To travel to Covington round trip would take a full day by horse and wagon. Merchants would start the trip around 4a.m. They would bring such staple foods as flour, sugar and coffee.

L and N Railroad was a local drop-off for furniture and large items from Sears and Roebuck. L and N was a passenger and freight line. In the picture of the double tracks, the train is on the main track. The track to the left is a switch track so trains could pass on busy days. To enter the switch track there was a manual switch which would make a train enter this section while another train could pass on L and N single track. This manual switch was located directly in front of the now Chambers and Grubbs Funeral Home.

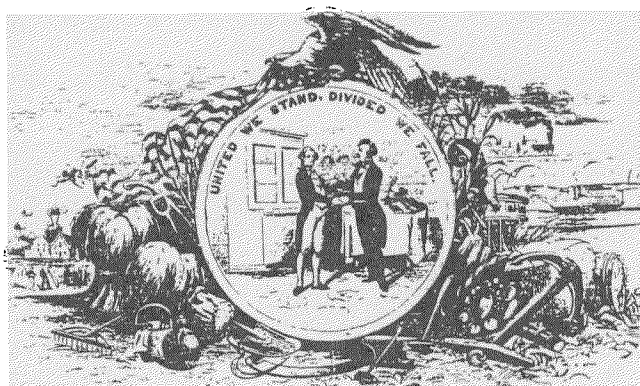
As trains were steam powered a lot of water was needed. There was a pump station for this purpose located at a large lake south of Walton. Trains would stop and take on needed water.



Print by John Roberts — former Waltonian

AN ATLAS

OF



BOONE, KENTON AND CAMPBELL COUNTIES, KENTUCKY.

From actual Surveys under the direction of B. N. GRIFFING.

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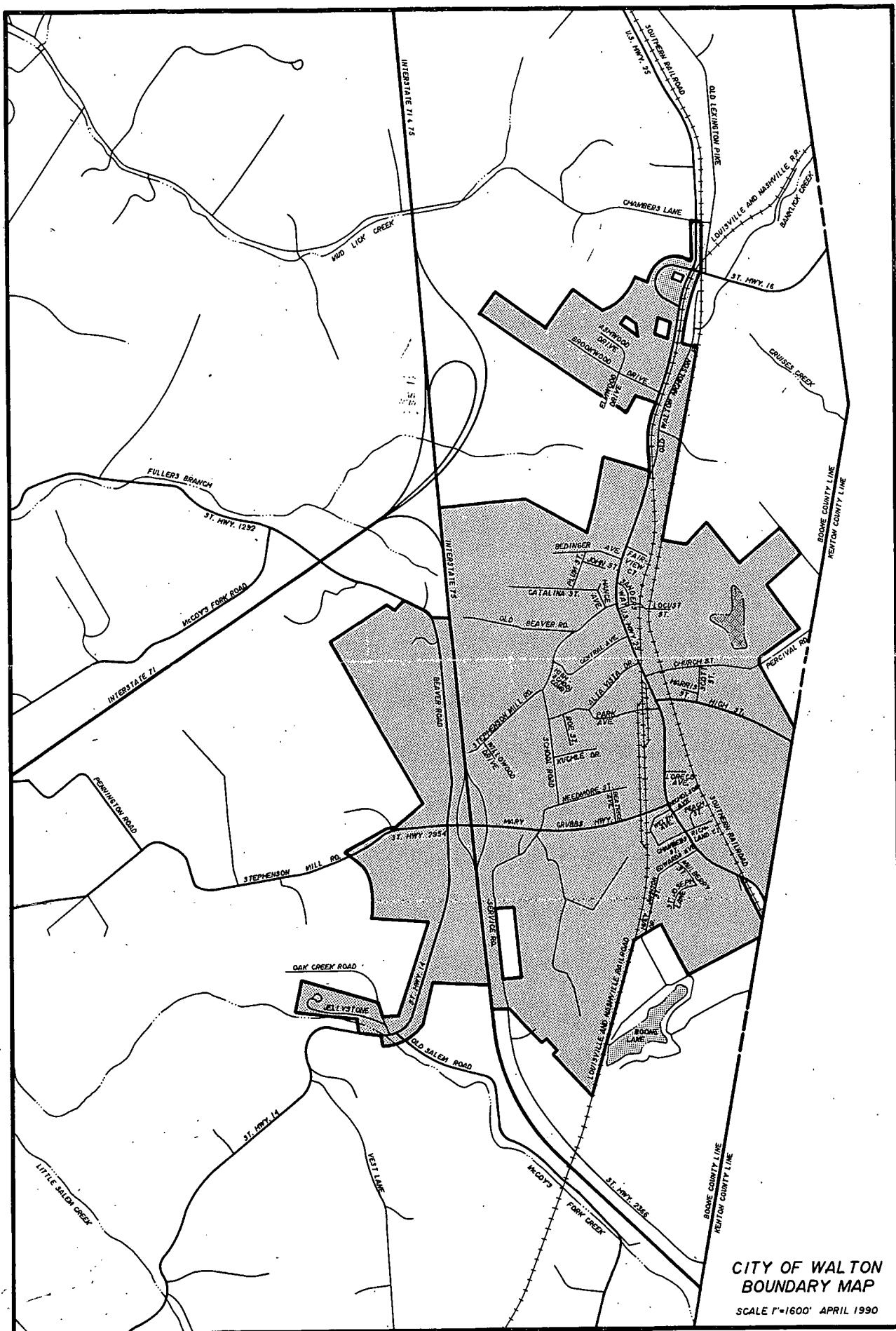
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From map in 1883 showing most of the town.

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List of voters for Walton Precinct in 1851 as copied
by Jack Rouse from the original records. The precinct
covered more than the town; it covered much of
the surrounding area also. Then as now, not all men
eligible to vote did so.

A. Sayse	John Clark	J. H. Fennell
John Lancaster	Samuel Nye	W. B. Sandidge
J. D. Doneghy	B. W. Norman	James S. Kinney
J. H. Cary	A. J. Fennell	Thos. Atkins
Abner Waters	W. E. Youell	Geo. W. Carroll
W. B. Murphy	J. L. Roberts	Daniel Roberts
J. H. Howard	R. Norman	Mynard Stevenson
N. O. Burton	Samuel McClain	C. Snogle
O. H. P. Ingram	L. B. Clarkson	Mathew Coffman
A. Noll	John Waters	M. Cleek
William M. Roberts	S. H. Beall	P. Mullins
J. I. Johnson	John Booth	James Stevenson
Gilbert Booth	John McJohnson	James Beach
B. J. Beall	L. L. Waldo	J. D. Caldwell
Watts Records	W. Sheldon	William Hind
Garnett Brooks	Woodford Carpenter	Thos. Dean
Harrison Booth	S. Marshall	Perry Butts
M. L. Lancaster	Andrew Glacken	James Mathews
William Potymau	Barthel Ballard	James Marshall
Oliver Wooley	J. W. Berry	Thomas Kent
Newman Yates	William Bogess	
Alexander Beach	John H. Cleek	
James M. Lancaster	M. L. Lancaster	
James Dillard	Adam Sencour	
Joseph Early	Fountain Riddell	
John Carpenter	H. H. Doby	
Robert Grubbs	Albert Howard	
D. D. Connelly	E. M. Wilson	
G. Souther	James Alexander	
J. C. Hughes	Joseph Aydlett	
J. Connelly	William Roberts, sr.	

ABNER GAINES HOUSE — GAULT HOUSE



Each small town has its own history and beginning. Walton is no different. The city of Walton found its origin in the travel westward by many of the early pioneers. Settlement was the goal of these traveling individuals. For Abner Gaines, settlement was his purpose as he decided to move in 1785 and build his home in what is now known as the town of Walton.

Moving to the wilderness of the state of Kentucky, Abner Gaines chose a piece of ground located only twenty miles from Cincinnati. Upon this site he built a log cabin with the help of his family and slaves. A short time later, Colonel Gaines, as he was now called, cleared land in order to build a bigger log cabin for his growing family.

Mr. Walton, a well-to-do steamboat captain, came on horseback to visit with his friend Abner Gaines. Finding the Colonel building a log cabin, Mr. Walton suggested a brick house instead. Upon discovering the Colonel was not in the financial status to build such an expensive home, Mr. Walton soon offered to pay for the building of a brick house, telling the Colonel to pay him back at a more convenient time. It was for this generosity that Colonel Gaines named his small village Walton, after Mr. Walton, who had made his beautiful home possible.

Construction of a three-floor brick house began in 1791. Immediately, brick was being made, trees were being cut, and nails and shingles were being constructed by the Colonel's slaves.

As the state of Kentucky was adopted into the Union as the fifteenth state, the home of Colonel Gaines became a very prominent place to stop. Indeed, Colonel Gaines soon became a prominent man himself.

ABNER GAINES HOUSE — GAULT HOUSE (cont.)

In 1795, John Pendleton was born in the brick home. Upon turning 17, John went to defend his country in time of need. Returning to his home town after the war, John began practicing law and later married. The brick home of Colonel Gaines was soon turned into a tavern and inn. Becoming a familiar place to stop on a long journey, the house was marked on a map of Kentucky as "Gaines X Roads".

Among the men who stopped at the house was the famous orator Henry Clay, Richard M. Johnson, the vice president of the United States during Van Buren's administration, and the Breckenridges. During the early 1840's, elegant balls and parties were held at the home in the honor of John Pendleton's two daughters. Gay festivities and weddings were held in the house. Upon one such festivity, a young man was killed as he and another suitor fought over the same young lady. The blood stains remained on the floor for many years afterwards.

Duty called again as John Pendleton left in 1846 for the Mexican War being fought by his country. However, upon his return to the town of Walton, Pendleton had been elected a Washington representative by his state. Pendleton soon was promoted to governor of Oregon at which time his family once again headed westward.

Remaining in the Gaines family for four generations, the house was then sold to Ira Cleek, a farmer. During the Civil War, General Kirby Smith used the house for headquarters. Following the Civil War, the brick home was bought by Jerry Glenn who transformed the home into Dovers Inn. While used as an inn, John Goodson visited the house and committed suicide by hanging himself from the staircase.

In 1937, Mr. John Gault, an antique dealer, bought the brick home, now over 125 years old, and restored it to its original condition. Mr. Gault and those living in the house have reported many ghost stories originating from the "old brick house", the site of battles, balls, murders and suicides.

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*Mayor William King has the distinction of serving the City of Walton since 1976, being appointed by Mayor Sam Gamble to fill the vacancy on City Council with the resignation of Byron Kent. He was elected Mayor in 1977, 1985 and the present term in 1988. Mr. King has been a resident of Walton since 1960, moving from Falmouth, Kentucky with his family. Before becoming active in City affairs, he was involved with Knothole Baseball and the Walton Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor King and his wife Addie, have three children, Linda Helmer, Patti Glenn and Rodney King.*

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One of the first black elected officials in Boone County, Rev. William C. Johnson, was elected to Walton City Council in 1977. Reverend Johnson served until resigning in 1985. Johnnie Ann Johnson was appointed to serve the remaining term. Rev. Johnson and his wife, Anna Pearl reside on Church Street.

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*Even in 1914 the subject of conserving energy was observed, especially by the Southern Railroad (Norfolk-Southern) advising the firemen to make sure the engine was properly drafted and no leaks around the smoke box. Never placing more coal than necessary in the firebox. Watch the engineer to see how he is working and fire accordingly. The Southern Railroad provided work for many of our citizens and Evelyn Sizemore's father, Gordon Phillips was Section Foreman for many years.*

## CIVIL WAR 1862 - 1865

1990 marks the 125th anniversary of the Civil War. This war is considered one of the bloodiest in the history of the United States, more than 600,000 persons were killed in a nation of thirty one million population, an average of one person in fifty. Jack Rouse, the City's Civil War historian has provided us with some information on men who served during the war.

1. A.S. Arnold (1839-1901) Wife — C.V. Arnold (1844-1910) was known as "Al". Al was the son of Jack Arnold, had a son, Herman. Al's sister, Annie, married Joe Glenn. He is recorded as living in the Verona precinct in 1861 and voted in the Walton precinct in 1872, was a C.C.A. soldier in Co. F-8th Ky Cavalry and was buried in the Walton Cemetery.

2. Daniel M. Bagby, M.D. (1841-1916) married Julia F. O'Neal in 1868. He came to Walton in 1864 from Kenton County, was a C.S.A. soldier in Co. K-2nd KY. Mounted Infantry, was wounded at Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana. He was under the command of Col. Roger Hauson's Co. K. Juvenile Volunteers. Old-timers remember he walked with a limp. Dr. Bagby is buried in the Walton Cemetery.

3. James L. Brooks born in Kenton County but voted in Walton Precinct 1861. He was a Federal soldier in Capt. John Long's Co. C 183 Ref. of Ohio Infantry and is buried in the Walton Cemetery.

4. John G. Crisler originally from Florence, Ky. joined C.S.A. in a company of sharp shooters commanded by B.A. Dulaney and was afterwards transferred to the Bluff City Grays, then again transferred to Co. A. Forrest's Old Reg't Tenn. Cavalry (3rd Tennessee) for three years. Final Company was commanded by Capt. F. Patterson. Fought in the south until paroled at the surrender in Gainesville, Ala. on May 11, 1865. He was a widower when he applied for C.S.A. pension and was a bee keeper. Mr. Crisler was the father of nine children, one of his daughters, Sarah, married Herbert Glenn, son of Joe Glenn. John Crisler died January 5, 1918.

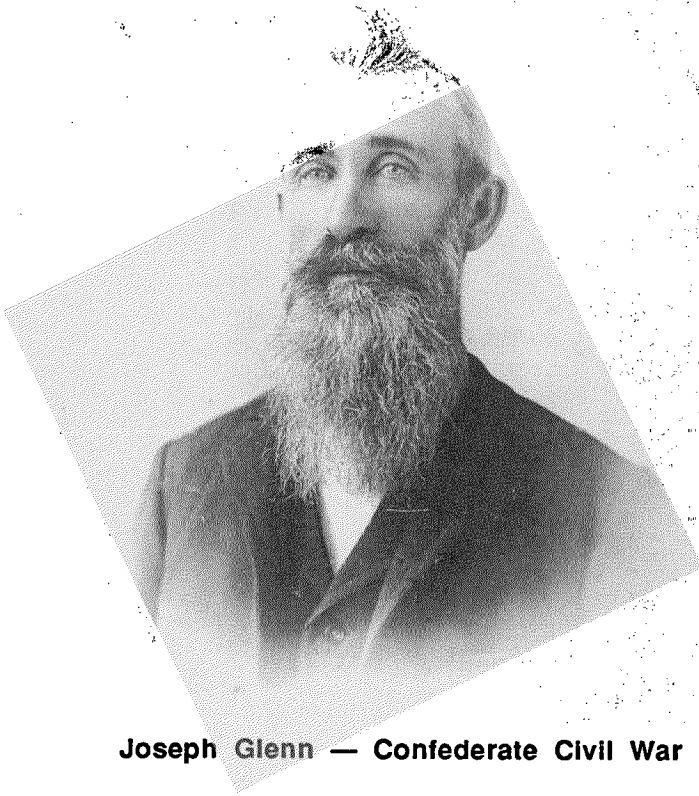


**John G. Crisler**  
**Confederate Civil War**

5. Robert Andrew Edwards, Jr. enlisted in Co. G, 84th Ohio Infantry Reg. on May 29, 1862 at Cincinnati, OH. He was a commissioned 2nd Lt. of Co. L 4th Ky Vol. Cavalry Reg. in 1864. He contracted pneumonia after being wounded in the leg and requested to be invalided at home while recovering to be cared for by his father. Dr. Edwards studied medicine in Edinburgh, Scotland as a student. Edwards resigned his commission in 1864 and was later given a pension of \$24.00 per month in 1901. He died in 1914 and is buried in Wilmington, Del.

6. Samuel Lycurgus Edwards (R.A.'s brother) enlisted in Co. g 84th Ohio Infantry, served as a nurse in the regimental hospital for a short time and was mustered out to Salisbury, North Carolina. He was born in 1843 and died in 1917, married Ella Nora Pettit and had five children. "Kurg" and his wife are both buried in Walton Cemetery.

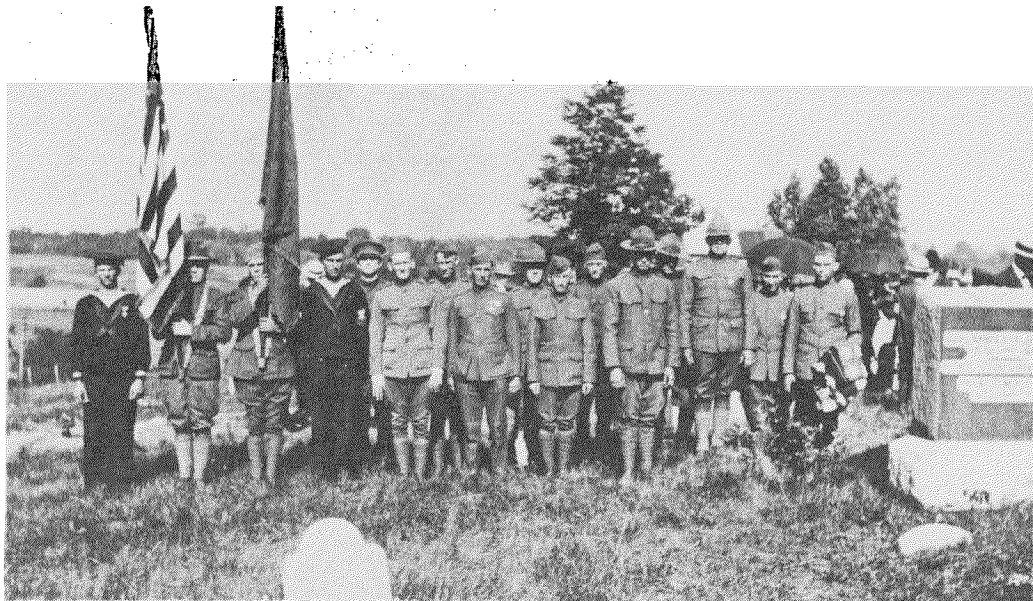
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Joseph Glenn — Confederate Civil War

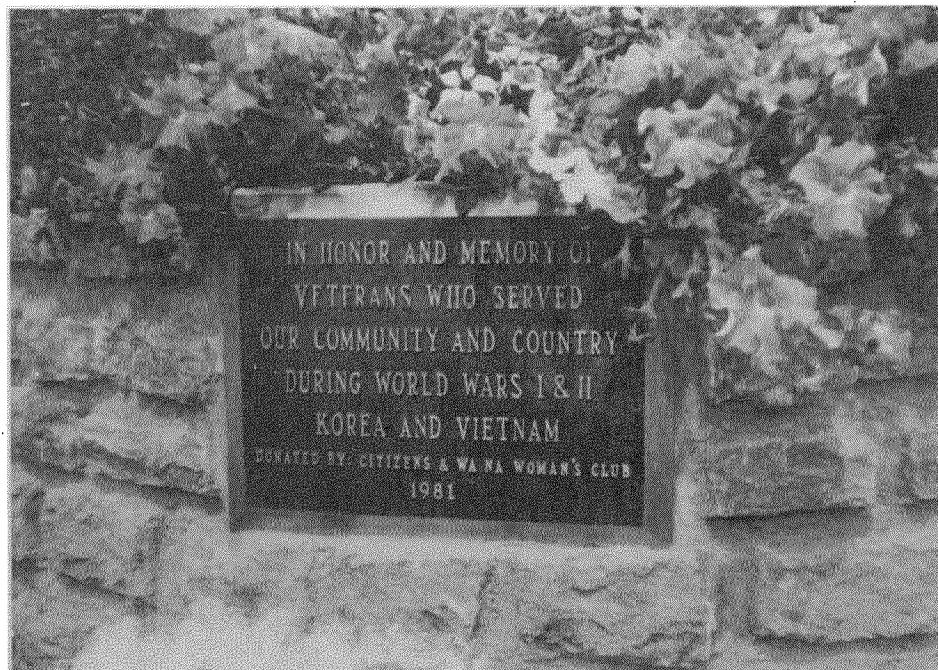
7. Joseph Glenn was in Co. B of Jesse's Battalion Mounted Rifles C.S.A. He enlisted at Beaverlick on July 22, 1862 by Lt. Marion Corbin, was captured July 29th at Mt. Sterling and sent to Vicksburg in November for exchange. No further military data found. He married Annie Arnold and had one son, Herbert. Joe Glenn lived nearly a half century in Walton coming from Kenton County in 1858. His family is buried in Walton Cemetery.

Elisa Graham and Martin V. Simmons were Federal Soldiers and are buried in Walton Cemetery. Woodord G. Stansifer is also buried in Walton Cemetery, his marker is dated 1831-1891.



Burial service of returned soldier — Walton Cemetery - 1921 — World War I

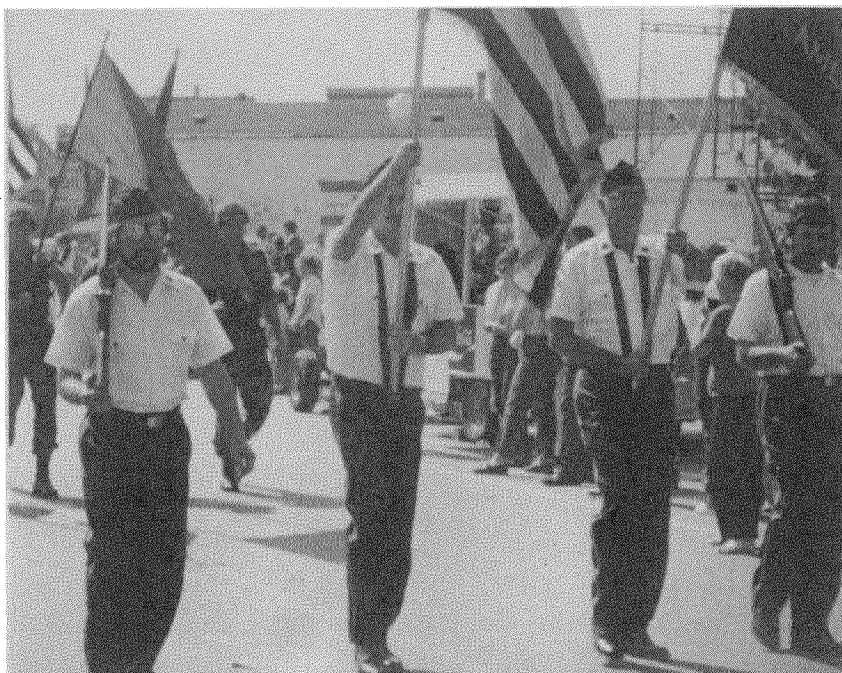
This page sponsored by Joe W. Glenn, Bobby J. Glenn, Barbara A. (Glenn) Schadler, Billie J. (Glenn) Erb and their families



Walton has always been proud of our armed forces. Above is a plaque donated by the Wa Na Club that is a memorial to those who served in both World War I and II, Vietnam and Korea. Today again, we are threatened by the crisis in the Mid-East.

The American Legion Post, Johnson Unit #277 was formed in late 1940 honoring Paul Johnson and DeShay McElroy, who gave their lives for our peace. The Charter Members were Howard Feldhaus, Joe Lemons-1st Commander, Malcom Simpson-adjutant, George Bedinger, Bill Cluster, Clayton Spillman, Hayes Collins, Martin Code, John Ryan and Richard Kelly.

Today's Legionnaires, in conjunction with the City, hold Memorial Services each Memorial Day.





## CCC CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS 1935-1942

*Most of the information for this article came from William "Mickey" McKinley, from Covington, Kentucky. He was only 17 years old at the time of enlistment.*

McKinley, like hundreds of Northern Kentuckians before and after him, was in the Civilian Conservation Corps or CCC, as it was commonly known.

In all, 89,511 Kentuckians would find employment and hone job skills during the seven-year history of the CCC. The CCC began in 1935 — during the height of the Great Depression — and effectively ended in 1942 with American involvement in World War II.

Statewide, 44 CCC camps were eventually set up. Most of those were assigned to blazing nature trails, planting trees and fighting fires in Kentucky's state and national parks and forests.

The CCC camps were run by the Army, but some also were connected with the Soil Conservation Service and specialized in aiding farmers with erosion and crop problems. Among those types of camps was the CCC camp in Walton.

The Walton camp was located at the end of what is now Alta Vista Drive. Walton-Verona High School now sits on the site, but in the summer of 1935, the land was an old ballpark owned by John L. Vest.

The Walton camp, meanwhile, started to take shape on July 17, 1935, when 23 men, under the command of Army Capt. Robert Adams, arrived in Walton with four truck-loads of camping equipment and other supplies.

They pitched five tents, converted the old ballpark grandstand into a makeshift kitchen and set about the task of converting the ballpark into a CCC camp capable of housing up to 200 men at a time.

During their first months, the 23 men dug ditches to bring a water line to the site, installed electric and telephone lines, and erected additional tents. The men used shower facilities at the school in Walton to clean up in.

On August 8, the small contingent was beefed up by the arrival of 152 enrollees by train from Covington and the enlistment of 17 local men from the Walton area.

Originally the CCC was just to be for unemployed men, ages 18-25, who came from needy families.

McKinley said the men were enlisted for a six-month period and were paid \$30 a month. Of that amount, the man only got \$5, the remaining \$25 was mailed directly to the man's family to help them through the hard financial times.

The age range was later expanded to 17-28 and later some older veterans from World War I were allowed to enlist after they marched on Washington D.C., demanding war-service bonuses and jobs.

Soon after the new men arrived at Walton they were assigned the task of unloading 17 railroad cars filled with wood and other equipment shipped in from Albany, Ga. These supplies were used to build the barracks, mess hall, educational center and other buildings that eventually made up the Walton CCC Camp.



McKinley said during his stint at Walton the men were pretty evenly divided between locals from Northern Kentucky and men brought in from other parts of the state.

Although some of the men may have felt family pressure to join — to help support their families — all the men were volunteers. That meant for the most part the men wanted to be in the CCC, although the camps they were assigned to were often not what they had expected.

The men had no control over their camp assignment and sometimes, as in the case of McKinley, he said they were misled into thinking they were going to some exotic places like California.

McKinley said it was rather a shock to find himself getting off the train at Berea, rather than California — which a recruiter had promised him — and his first fears were not lessened by the fact that the truck driver, taking them on the winding mountain roads from the train station to their destination, was drunk.

McKinley said that twice on that long truck ride the driver, stopped on the mountain road, got out, cussed the recruits up and down and challenged anyone to a fight. No one took the driver up on his challenge and they eventually ended up at the CCC camp at McKee, in the midst of the Daniel Boone National Forest.

"Overall I think the boys got along pretty well at Walton, but when there was trouble it was usually between the city boys and those from the mountains," said McKinley. "Punishment usually meant being assigned to clean the latrine building."

McKinley said he cleaned the latrine building a couple of times.

Life at the Walton camp usually began with a 6 a.m. breakfast and flag raising. The flag pole, which was a camp landmark, was erected on November 30, 1935, and rose 68 feet above the camp.

Work details then started about 8 a.m. as the men were sent out in groups of 30 or 40. Most were assigned to farms, which were spread over Boone, Kenton, Gallatin, Pendleton, Grant, Nicholas and Bourbon counties.

The men dug erosion ditches, planted trees, erected fences and provided farmers with information on ways to rotate different kinds of crops to help to preserve the soil.

The men were usually brought a lunch on their job site around 1 p.m. and continued working until about 4 p.m. They then returned to camp for a 5 p.m. supper.

In the evening the men could play a variety of sports, such as basketball, football and softball or use the camp's library either to just read or take correspondence courses.

An arrangement was also later made by which some men at the Walton camp were bused in the evenings to Simon Kenton High School in Independence, where they attended classes that could help them obtain a high school-equivalency degree.

In their free-time, the men also could go to the Union Theatre in Walton to catch a movie or later to its successor, the James Theatre.

And if they had the time, the men also could hitch a ride over to Dry Ridge, where the New Kentucky movie theater opened in March of 1938, or over in Kenton County for a swim at Pleasure Isle on Madison Pike (generally known as Three-L Highway at the time).

Capt. Adams, who supervised the Walton camp construction, was transferred to California in February of 1936, according to a story that summer in the Walton Advertiser newspaper.



The Walton camp had the first of several open houses on June 29, 1936.

The open houses became an annual event, including guided tours, ball games, concerts and a dinner.

As to be expected, the impact of 200 young, unmarried men on Walton — a city at the time of about 1,000 — was considerable. This led to a few fights and disputes, and also a few marriages and new blood for the community.

McKinley said that some of the government-sponsored employment projects at the time, including the Works Progress Administration, received mixed support from the public, but the CCC was popular.

"I think the WPA image was that of a man leaning on a shovel, but the CCC was different," McKinley said. "I think part of the reason may have been the ages of the men involved."

"The WPA was usually older men, but the CCC was younger guys and I guess we were more enthusiastic," McKinley said. "I think we were just glad to have a job."

Several different men were at one time or the other in charge of the Walton camp, which had both a commander, appointed by the Army, and a superintendent, appointed by the Soil Conservation Service.

Some of those men were Capt. William E. Weghorst, Capt. Norman S. Wiggs, and 1st Lt. Bennett L. Jackson.

A list of camp officers, carried in the Walton Advertiser in March of 1938, listed Jackson as commander; A.M. Henderson as second in command; Raymond Trautman, educational advisor; Dr. F.E. Bedinger, camp physician; Ward T. Darnell, camp superintendent; Douglas B. Redman, camp agronomist and work planner; William K. Williams, camp construction engineer; and the foremen were John L. Allen, Thomas C. Mason, C.M. Lykins and Joseph S. Sizemore.

On April 1, 1938, The Kentucky Post carried a large photograph across the top of its front page, showing a group picture of the men assigned at the time to the Walton CCC camp and listing all their names.

The picture and accompanying stories were in advance of a large, open house the camp was planning during the next two days. Pictures of the barracks, mess hall and some farm land — reclaimed by CCC work — were carried on inside pages of The Kentucky Post that same day.

The open house was to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the CCC program and the third year of the camp in Walton.

A Kentucky Post story that same day said 71 Northern Kentucky farms had received some type of erosion assistance from the Walton camp and that 10,600 acres of Northern Kentucky farm land had in some way been assisted by the CCC.

The writer added that the Walton CCC camp also had been involved in developing a Boy Scout camp near Morning View and erecting almost 40 miles of fencing throughout Northern Kentucky. And of the approximately 200 men in the camp, 58 had been able to use the skills they learned to find jobs elsewhere.

In addition to all those benefits, The Kentucky Post in an editorial on April 2, 1938, said that for many of the men it was the first chance they had to get three good meals a day and physical hard work, which they would not have gotten if they had remained at home in



the city.

A later story said the typical CCC recruit gained 4-10 pounds in the first two months he was in camp and that one recruit grew five inches and gained 40 pounds during his six-month stint.

During the winter of 1940 the Walton CCC camp also served as a distribution center for grain feed quail, which were dying because of the severe weather that January.

A Walton Advertiser story said that anyone having quail on the farm in Boone County could call the Walton CCC camp and men would be sent to the farm with grain to feed the birds.

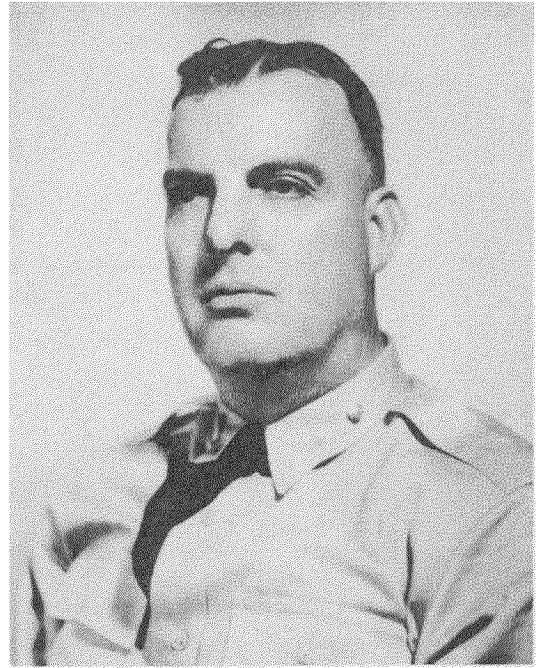
Apparently the last open house at the Walton camp was on March 28, 1942.

Statewide, the CCC program generated more than \$19 million for the families of the enrollees and resulted in the planting of more than 26 million trees.

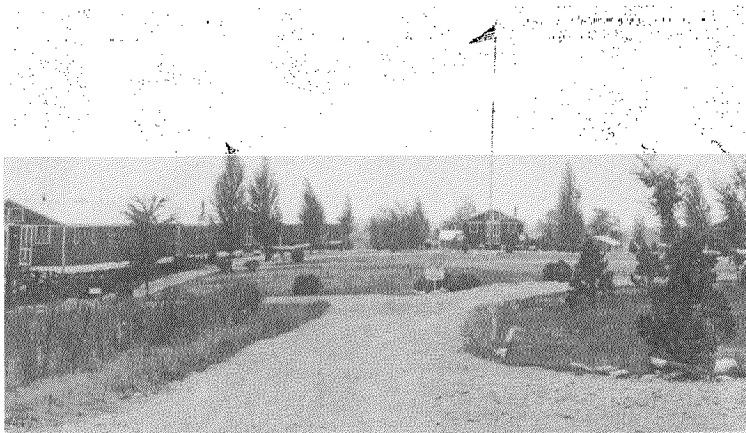
By March of 1942 most of the young men in the age range of the CCC were either in the military, filling jobs vacated by other men who were in the service or working at new jobs created by the wartime economy.

McKinley, who worked for a feed company in Cincinnati after leaving the CCC, joined the Army Air Corps and served as a bombardier and navigator during World War II. He remained in the Air Corps, when it became the Air Force, and retired as a colonel in 1965.

Some Walton men that served or were involved with the camp are still residents of our city. Namely, David Deaton, Raymond Brewster, Gayle McElroy, Kenneth Brewer and Sam Gamble (one of our former Mayors). Each year there is a reunion at Cumberland Falls State Park. The reunion is held the first week-end of each October.



**Bradley Combs**  
**Capt., Cav-Res.**  
**Company Commander**



**These barracks are now the location of  
Walton-Verona High School.**



## COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

CPS Company was a utility company which started serving electricity to several locations in Kentucky in the early 1920's.

The home office was located in Fort Worth, Texas.

It supplied and maintained electric power to Walton (Boone Co.), Owenton (Owen Co.), Warsaw (Gallatin Co.), Owingsville (Bath Co.), Mt. Vernon (Rockcastle Co.), Columbia (Adair Co.), Russell Springs and Jamestown (Russell Co.).

The home office (division office) in Kentucky at that time was Winchester, but after the death of Mr. Ben Lock, Division Manager, in the middle 1940's, it was moved to Walton where Mr. R.M. Hall (Russell) was appointed Division Manager.

The line crews were based at Walton and worked out of there to perform maintenance work and build new lines.



Standing: Jim Tom Noe, Russell Hall, Joe Glenn, Jesse Thornton,  
"Doc" McCubbin, O.F. Young  
Seated: Clifton "Bud" Robinson, Jimmy Vest, Eddie Pyles

## COMMUNITY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY (Cont.)

Most of the employees to work for CPS were originally from Walton. Some of the earlier workers were: Walter King, Supervisor, Henry Adkins, Foreman, George Riley Burriss, Foreman, Wendell (Cotton) Sleet, Ed Adkins, Powers Conrad, Harry Glacken, Chick Worthington, Roland Glenn, Jimmie Wisdom, and Dave Roberts.

O.F. Young, Division Auditor, and Margie McCellan, Division Secretary, came to Walton from Winchester in the 1940's.

Charlie Rogers, Electric Engineer, came to CPS (Walton) from Texas, via Winchester.

Office personnel at the Walton office were: Charlie Finnell, District Foreman, Margaret Finnell, Mary Rensler, Mary Alice Conrad, Ernestine Webster, Mary Ellen Bedinger, Anna Mae Sleet, and Marjorie Carpenter.

Service men (trouble-shooters) worked out of the Walton office under Charlie Finnell. They were: James Smith, Lawrence (Red) Robinson, Howe Roberts, Arnold Wynn, Jack Johnson, Charles (Hunky) Holder, J.W. (Jesse) Thornton, and Robert (Bob) Sleet who later went to the new office at White's Town as Manager with his wife, Nancy, working in the office and Charles Holder served as Serviceman.

Cliff Peebles, who worked originally at Walton as a Serviceman, went to Warsaw as Manager with his wife, Delores, working in the office. Cliff also served in the same capacity later as Manager at Owingsville and Russell Springs with his wife in the office and Charles Holder also there as Serviceman.

Quite a few of the fellows started and some returned to work after getting out of the services after W.W. II.

Those joining some of the older employees: Joe Richards, Jimmie Vest, and Jim Tom Noe, Foreman. Line Crew people were: Dan Isabel, Kerfue (Bruno) Brewer, Bud Robinson, Bill Robinson, Joe Glenn, Wallace (Buster) Glenn, Ralph (Wimpy) Lucas, Cecil Ashcraft, Clayton Spillman, Frank Breeden, Robert Worthington, Wendell (Doc) McCubbin, David Deaton, Bill Lee, Jack Johnson, Charles Holder, and J.W. Thornton.

Truck drivers were: Leonard (Skin) Caldwell, Richard (Dick) Howar, and Eddie Pyles.

Chester Edwards was an Electrical Engineer.

Ray Wynn was a Meter-tester and Appliance Repairman. CPS sold appliances, both large and small, serviced and maintained them.

Harold McLoney was an Electric Service Inspector and Draftsman for the company.

Stock (storeroom) keepers (different years) were: Elmer (Smitty) Noe, Leon Hall (later to become Walton Mayor), Morgan Campbell and Paul Simpson (later to become a Lineman and a Walton Mayor).

Randall Martin was an Electric Appliance Salesman.

CPS was a very good company to work for. It was like a large family — everyone knew the other one and would help each other and work together.

Even the top "Boss-Man" would make his annual trip to Walton from Texas, greeting each employee on a first-name basis.

CPS sold out on August 1, 1950, to Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company and to Union Light Heat & Power Company.

There was a rumor going around that the reason CPS sold out was that Kentucky was too far from the home office in Fort Worth. However, this was not true as they had property in Texas that was further from the home office than Kentucky was.

This page sponsored by Charles "Hunky" Holder, Joe Glenn, Margaret Finnell, Anna Mae Simpson, O.F. Young, David and Ernestine Deaton and Margorie Schadler

## WALTON ADVERTISER

Walton and surrounding communities have been served effectively by weekly newspapers during the past 75 years.

The Walton Advertiser was founded by G.B. Powers and Roy D. Stamler on August 14, 1914. "Published as often as necessary", the Walton Advertiser consisted of four pages, six by nine inches in size. Very soon their publication found its way into homes and businesses with the enthusiasm of a letter from home. The paper was located on High Street, presently owned by Eva Waters.

In February 1915, Mr. Powers put out a similar news edition called "Walton Outlook". This publication carried comments by the editor and small size advertisements of local businesses.

During the next several years, the Walton Advertiser continued to grow in size and demand. James R. "Jim" Wallace joined the partnership in 1916. Mr. Stamler and Mr. Wallace continued operation until their deaths in November 1937, just one week apart.

James H. Jump bought the paper and published it until selling to Mrs. Martha Wallace in 1940. She built a new facility on Main Street and improved production until selling the business in 1943.

The new owners, Mark M. and Ann Meadows, struggled through the war years and erected a new facility at 186 North Main Street where it remained through 1977. Two of our prominent citizens today, Guy Carlisle and Dr. William Waller were employees during that time.

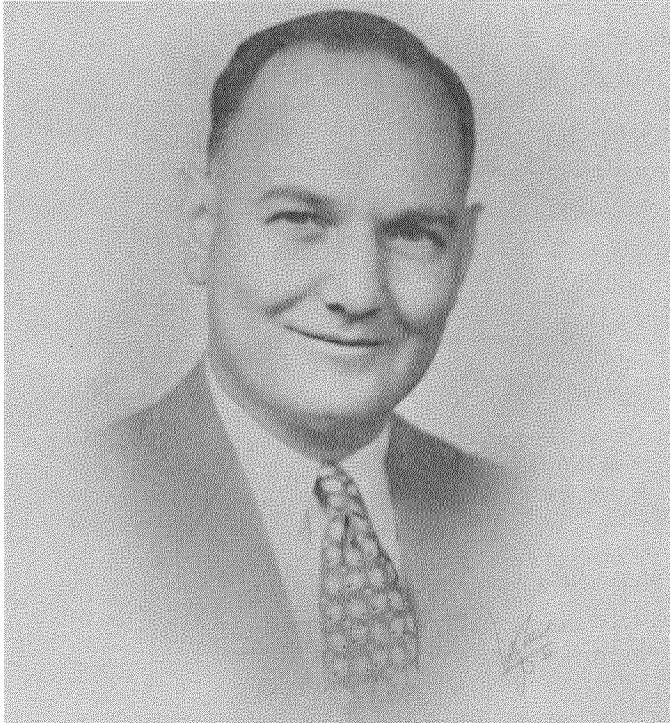
The Walton Advertiser had new owners in 1962 when it was purchased by Malcolm and Ann Simpson. This was a dream come true for Mr. Simpson as he had been an employee of the paper while he was in High School before and after serving in the U.S. Navy.

The Walton Advertiser's letters from home continued to reach out to new homes in Boone, Kenton, Grant and Gallatin Counties through constant support of local merchants and the ever growing classified ads. Community correspondents found a large audience for reading their social events.

Due to Malcolm Simpson's ill health, he retired in 1972. At that time Maynard Meadows, son of Mark and Ann Meadows, came home from California and purchased the Advertiser, which he continued to improve and publish until the paper was sold to the Boone County Recorder in January, 1978.

A new weekly publication, Waltonian, was in publication in 1983. Although the new publishers tried very hard to make a successful venture, the Waltonian lasted only a few months and Walton residents found themselves without a local paper.

Presently, the Advertiser building has been purchased by David and Rita Due, operating the Colonial Press Printing. Perhaps in the not too distant future, Walton citizens will again be blessed with a local community voice — "published as often as necessary with fair treatment to all!"



**Mark M. Meadows**  
Editor, 1943 - 1962



**Malcom F. Simpson**  
Editor, 1962 - 1972



**Maynard M. Meadows**  
Editor, 1972 - 1977



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## Some facts about Walton, Ky.

For the edification of those wishing to know about the town of Walton, Kentucky, I take occasion to submit the following:

Walton is not a sleepy little village hid away among the hills, with nothing to boast of but beautiful scenery, but it is a 'regular' town, with a miniature Broadway, electric lights, with houses showing the best of attractions in living and silent drama, a beautiful pike "The Highway to Lexington", crosses within the city limits, two railroads, The Louisville & Nashville and the Queen & Crescent accomodating the traveling public with eleven trains daily. The accomodations of these roads are so good, and the rates so low, that we are but a step from Cincinnati, Ohio, nineteen miles away. Many men work in Ludlow, Covington and Cincinnati, leave in the morning and return in the evening, securing the mileage for the month for the small sum of \$5.00.

Walton, the metropolis of Boone County, bids fair to become a great city, on account of the transportation facilities which it possesses. Two trunk lines and many well made pikes radiate in all directions, located as it is on the survey of the Owenton and Dry Ridge Traction Line, with its main terminal in Covington, certainly spells SUCCESS.

Walton is the highest point between Cincinnati and Louisville, insuring to its inhabitants good water and pure air.

Two prosperous banks and a Building and Loan associations lend a helping hand to those desiring financial assistance, at a very low rate.

Two lumber companies, of no small proportions, are kept busy supplying our local contractors.

Twelve mercantile establishments in the town do a prosperous business and there is room far more.

Walton is proud of three magnificent churches; the last one completed at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars.

The High School has the largest attendance of any high school in the county, and its faculty is beyond a doubt the most capable in the State.

Walton is the shipping point for the products of the farms on three pikes leading from seven nearby villages.

When one passes out of the city limits he immediately views the beautiful farm land, growing crops of corn, tobacco, tomatoes and small grain. Here and there orchards of peaches, damsons and apples, laden with their never failing crop, meet the eye in bold relief.

Thoroughbred cattle and horses graze in great numbers on the beautiful blue grass and clover which is a natural growth, always to be relied on.

This is the country for the man who is looking for a permanent home and a good investment, a hearty welcome is always extended the man and his family that is worthy and well qualified to live under our code "Fair treatment to all, special privileges to none."

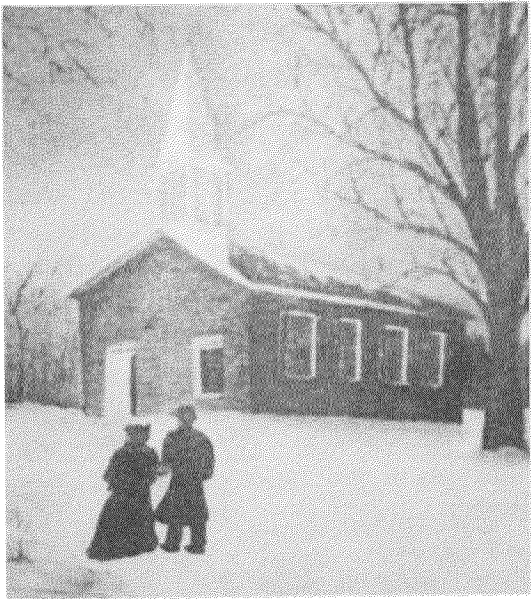
Our Marshall, Police Court and jail are luxuries. In the past thirteen years only one white man has been incarcerated, and then only for a misdemeanor.

The town is local option in its fullest meaning, intoxicated men are so seldom seen they appear as curiosities to the younger generation. The day of the "blind tiger" has long ago passed away and the drunkard of a few years ago is the home builder of today. Our standard of culture is far beyond any town of equal population.

Our excellent schools, churches, library and gymnasium Courses are the direct causes of Walton's high standing on the list of progressive Kentucky towns.

This page sponsored by Maynard M. Meadows  
dedicated to the memory of Ann C. Meadows 1914-1990

## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WALTON



**Original painting of the First Baptist Church of Walton by Doris Taylor.**

The First Baptist Church of Walton, Kentucky, was organized on August 8, 1866, with 17 charter members. At the business session of March 1867, a lot on Crusie Creek Road (now Church Street) was purchased for fifty dollars, and the first church building was constructed.

In the late 1870's, a woman member of the church, a Mrs. Snow, had requested to be buried by the church. The church allowed her to be buried by the back door. In 1876, the trustees were instructed to buy a lot on the east side of the church to be used as a burying ground. The church retained ownership of what is now the Walton Cemetery until July, 1964, when it was turned over to a board consisting of three churches, Walton Baptist, Walton Christian, and Walton Methodist. The last charter member of the church, Mary Jane Roberts, died in 1913.

At the April, 1882, Saturday night business meeting a motion was made to organize a Sunday School. This motion passed and the following day at 9:30 A.M. the first Sunday School was held.

In September, 1911, the church ratified the purchase of the lot on South Main Street belonging to Miss Lula Jones for \$2600. Building plans and specifications submitted by G.P. Nicholson were accepted for the church building to cost, when completed, \$12,365. The house adjoining the church property on the south side was sitting on the site where the new church was to be constructed. The builder moved the house and it was the first parsonage the church owned. It was sold during the 1930's when the church needed money to pay its debts.

The cornerstone for the new building was laid September 27, 1913. It was dedicated on November 1, 1914, and two deacons were ordained that same day.

The first nursery was established in 1932, with Frances Roberts (Code) as the teacher.

The church voted to establish a library in its business meeting of January 21, 1941, with a budget of two dollars per month. Miss Geraldine Elliott was voted Librarian, with Annabelle Percival and Gertrude Burdine as assistants. The present library (media center) was dedicated in July of 1969. There are more than 35,000 books, as well as tapes, filmstrips, records and films.

Property owned by a Mr. and Mrs. Blocher on the north end of Walton was purchased for a parsonage in November of 1943, for a cost of \$4900.

In September of 1951, the church voted to hire a secretary to work 2 1/2 days a week for a salary of \$15.

On October 3, 1951, plans were presented by the trustees for a new educational building to be constructed. The motion was carried. On August 13, 1952, the trustees of the church

## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WALTON — cont.

were given power to borrow the amount of \$20,000 for the construction of the new educational building. Ground breaking was held on March 23, 1952. The parsonage was badly damaged by fire that same month. On November 30, 1952, the church had all day services with the dedication of the new educational building in the afternoon.

The new church organ was dedicated in 1953, and a kindergarten began in July by Mrs. Webster. The kindergarten discontinued several years later when the public school system began offering it.

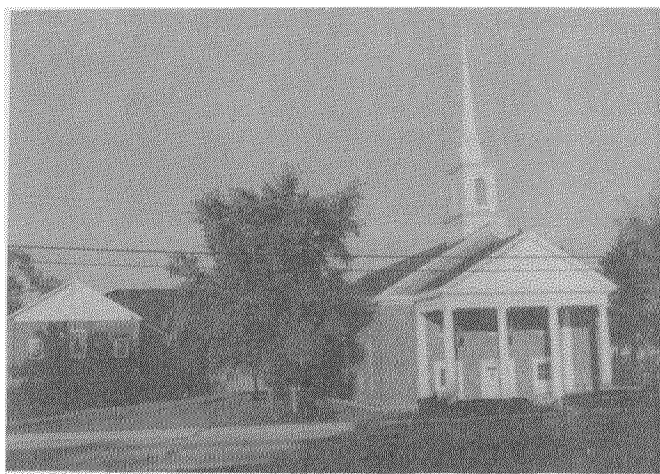
The church presented the report of the architect's meeting with the Building Committee regarding the new educational building and renovation of the old sanctuary in April 1960, and the contracts were awarded at the March, 1961, business session. Ground breaking services were held on May 7, 1961. Bro. Roy Boatwright was the speaker at the dedication of the educational building on November 19, 1961. The new addition included approximately 40 Sunday School rooms, a new dining hall and recreational area and a modern kitchen.

On August 9, 1966, the First Baptist Church of Walton celebrated its 100th birthday with a Centennial celebration.

After much discussion, action by the church was taken on August 18, 1976, to have the old sanctuary removed. Three of the stained glass windows and the cornerstones were incorporated in the facing of the Nicholson Educational Building.

The present sanctuary was voted on by the church on August 23, 1967, to be built at a cost of \$210,000. Ground breaking ceremonies were held on September 17, 1967, and the completed building was dedicated on September 1, 1968. On May 31 and June 1, 1986, they celebrated with a note burning and homecoming, the fact that that obligation was paid in full.

At an extended business meeting held on September 23, 1988 the church voted to proceed with the first two phases of the building plan which included building additions



The First Baptist Church of Walton — 1990

and revisions to the existing buildings. Ground breaking ceremonies were held on April 23, 1989. The completed building was dedicated on March 25, 1990. The new addition includes classrooms, new offices for the staff, a chapel, and a choir room. Renovations to the old buildings include new heating and air conditioning plants, new roofs, and refinishing of the steeple. The complex is now unified, with the change in the roof lines to tie the buildings together and the "filling in" of the U shape. The present Pastor is Reverend Kenneth Cole.

## WALTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The time is 1873 and the "great Civil War" has ended. It was in this year that the Walton Christian Church had its beginning when a small group of Disciples, who located in and around Walton called J.W. Beasley to conduct a revival. The meeting was held in the Baptist Church, then located on church Street. Another meeting followed in 1876, resulting in the organization of the First Christian Church and Rev. Beasley was called to be the first pastor. Services were first held in the Masonic Hall and in the school house, which stood at that time at the fork of Beaver Grade and Stephenson Mill Road.

A lot was purchased on High Street. Early Charter members, Adam Senour, Stephen Waite, Warren Lermond and James Sanders razed and moved the old Antioch Christian Church building that stood on Banklick Creek near Banklick Station to the High Street site. The timbers of the old building along with some material donated by the L&N Railroad and others were used in constructing the church and it was dedicated in 1879. Other charter early members had names of Ransler, Durr, Watson, Fry, Stevens, Gibbs, Percival, Vest, Jones and Cleek.

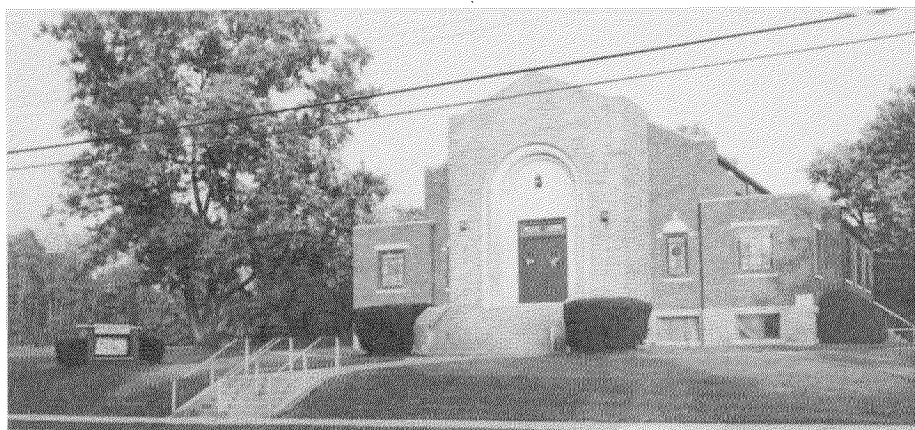
In the early years, successful revivals were held but most of the time only one service a month was held until 1905, when a movement was initiated to "have preaching two Sundays in the month". In 1911, the individual communion service was introduced, a gift of Mrs. Art Stamler.

In 1916, Rev. E.C. Lacy was called to be the first full-time pastor. Under his leadership the present church site was selected and a church erected. This building was dedicated May 5, 1918.

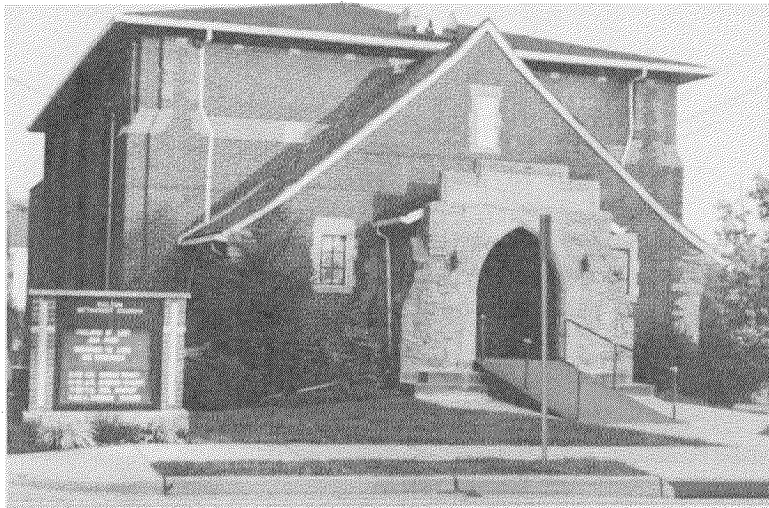
On Thanksgiving Day, 1947, the church burned, leaving only the red brick walls and stone foundation. Plans were immediately laid for construction of the present building under the leadership of Rev. Fred Nichols. The present church was dedicated on August 14, 1949.

In the past 20 years, the present addition was made of the kitchen and Sunday School rooms. The parsonage was torn down for additional parking. The present parsonage is located on Bedinger Avenue. Rev. Eric Elder is the pastor. The Walton Christian Youth Choir has been organized the past few years and under the direction of Ron Elmore family. The Youth are proving themselves to be a blessing, traveling during the summer months to various cities with their message in song.

The site of the church was the location of a log cabin built by Hamilton Johnson, a Revolutionary soldier who left Ft. Washington (Cincinnati) in 1790 and settled in Walton. Hamilton was the father of Rev. La Fayette Johnson, who was the first pastor of the Walton Baptist Church and is buried in Walton Cemetery.



## WALTON METHODIST CHURCH



The Walton Methodist Church was organized in the year 1879 with eight charter members and under the ministry of W.W. Spates.

Services were originally held in the public school building, for a few months in the Baptist Church and finally in the Christian Church until the congregation erected its own house of worship, known as "Walls Chapel", in the year of 1886 under the ministry of Rev. B.F. Bristow. The lot on

which this building was erected is situated just north of the old high school building in Walton, and was donated to the congregation by John Walls Murphy and by his wife, Mrs. Anna E. Murphy of Marion County, Indiana. The purpose of this donation was that a suitable memorial might be erected to the memory of Rev. and Mrs. John Walls of Cincinnati, Ohio, both of whom, however, were, then deceased and buried in the Sesleyan Cemetery at Cumminsville; hence the name of "Walls Chapel" was given to this first house of worship. The deed to this lot was executed on January 28th, 1884.

This building was dedicated on June 6, 1886, by Rev. W.F. Taylor, then pastor of Scott Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South in Covington, Kentucky.

The pastors before the erection of the first house of worship were W.W. Spates, organizer in 1879, B.F. Gosling, Chum Overstreet, H.C. Wright and Stamper Walker.

The present house of worship, located on South Main Street, was built under the ministry of Rev. John H. Lewis in 1922-30. It is a beautiful, modern and adequate brick structure with ample facilities for worship, Church School work, recreation and for the work of the various organizations of the church. It is a credit to the community.

An art bronze name plate was placed over the entrance doors to the Sanctuary with the inscription, "Walls chapel 1836-1930" to preserve the original memorial to the Reverend John Walls and wife and the number of years (44) of the use of "Walls Chapel" by the congregation. With this larger and finer, and more durable church edifice, the present memorial is adjudged to be of more value than the original one.

The name was changed from "Walls Chapel" to "Methodist Episcopal Church, South" and renamed in 1939 to "Walton United Methodist Church". The present pastor is Rev. Mark Gibbons who resides with his family at 121 N. Main Street — the church's parsonage.

## HISTORY OF ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

It is impossible to have a detailed and dated history of Zion Baptist Church because of the loss of records by the late Mrs. Amelia Dixon. This past of Zion Baptist has been compiled from letters and reports of deceased members and oral recollections from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sleet and letters, reports and newspaper clippings of Mrs. Gladys Ingram.

The birth of the church was conceived in the mind of a Mr. Timothy Smith. According to a record written by the late Deacon Kirtly Steele . . . "There was a man living in Walton whose name was Timothy Smith. He did everything he could do that was wrong, but like Saul of Tarsus, who later was Paul, this same man, Smith, in the year of 1872, was turned around by the Lord. The Lord truly took a hold on him. He began to have prayer meetings in his home with the understanding that as soon as possible a church would be organized."

The earliest founders were Rev. and Mrs. John Greene, George Chatman, Daniel Williams, John Williams, Courtney Watkins and Solomon Watkins, who was the organizer. The first house of worship was on High Street. This building had a dual purpose — the day school and the church. This first church was organized on September 20, 1872. One of the first deacons was Uncle Davy Anderson. Another deacon was a Mr. Hoard who was the father of Tom Hoard. Uncle Bob Sleet (Mr. Robert L. Sleet and Mr. Laton Steele attended school in this now forgotten building.)

The first place of worship was abandoned. Church was held in a combination building for day school and church that was on the hill directly behind the present building. School was held in the lower part of the edifice. Church services were held in the basement of the building except on special days. Then the upper room was utilized. It is believed that The Odd Fellows held meetings in this building also. This building was erected in 1884. Rev. Solomon Watkins, the first pastor of Zion Baptist, is buried where the church on the hill stood — right out from the walk that went into the basement of the church. A picket fence surrounded this burial plot for some time to prevent trespassing, but today there is no evidence of that sacred spot.

The church on the hill had no piano, organ or choir. Congregational singing was the primary type of music. Deacons or male members of the



## HISTORY OF ZION BAPTIST CHURCH — cont.

church led anthems. Much praise and glory to Almighty God was expressed through the chanting of the congregation. Moanings and groanings in harmony and blended voices were a part of the worship services also.

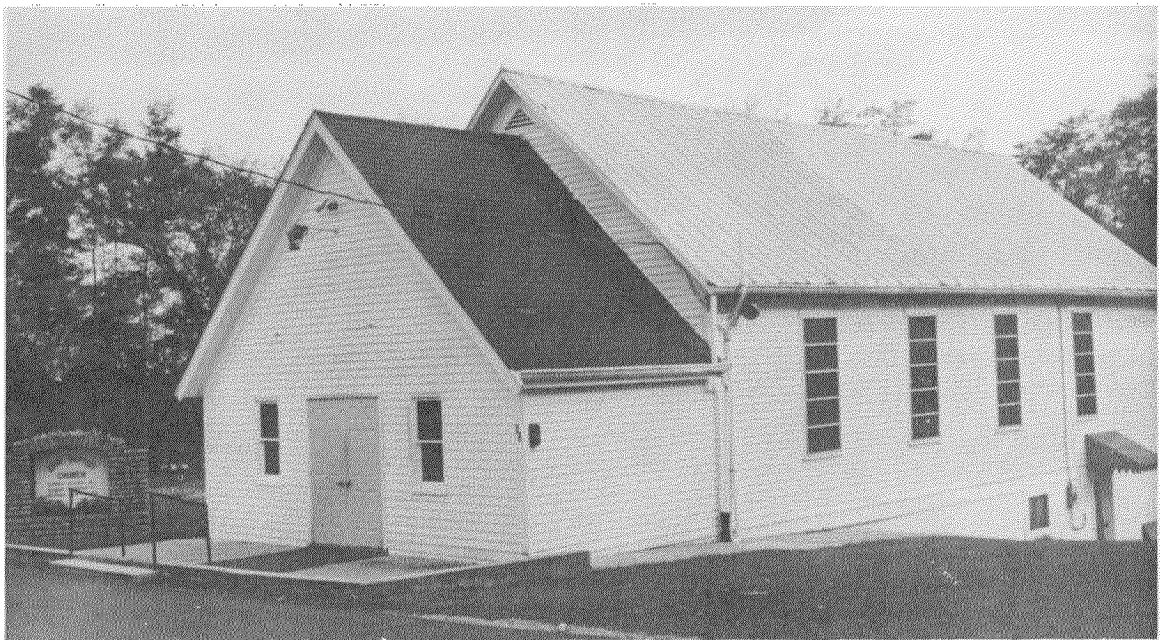
This early church had recreational festivities. There were box suppers. The women and young ladies of the church prepared the food in the boxes. The highest bidder would purchase the box. The lady who prepared the box ate with the purchaser. This was one of the early methods of courtship. Festivals were held. At these gatherings, there might be oyster soup, various suppers (dinners) and a variety of eatings. Homemade ice cream was one of the special home prepared foods.

For communion, Mrs. Betty Steele, the grandmother of Mrs. Gladys Ingram, made the bread. Real wine was used instead of grape juice that is now used. Everyone sipped from one cup.

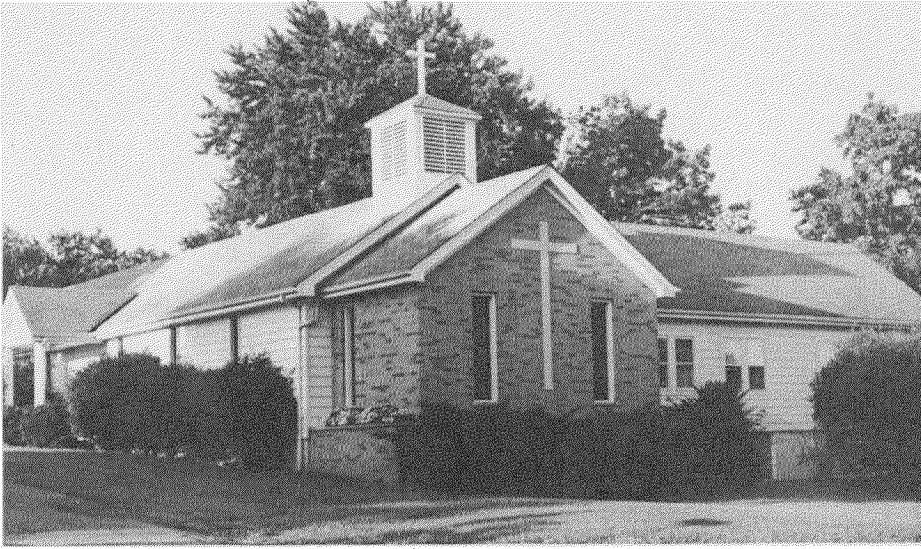
Rev. J.S. Boles is responsible for Zion Baptist being at its present location. Services were being held in the Odd Fellows Hall because the old schoolhouse was very dilapidated. Rev. Boles discussed this rebuilding with Andy Robinson, Walter Sleet, Robert L. Sleet and others. It has been recalled that Rev. Boles stated: "There are enough of us old scouts to tear down the old church and build a new one." Community people contributed to the building of Zion Baptist. On May 28, 1922, the present building was dedicated with an all-day meeting with basket dinners on the grounds.

Zion Baptist has gone through several phases of addition, rebuilding and remodeling — these were successful by membership effort and with the help of Almighty God.

Rev. Daryl Webb is the current Pastor.



## HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS PARISH



**All Saints Church**

From 1854 till 1894 Walton was considered a mission station of the Covington Cathedral, and the Catholics of the area were attended by various priests of the diocese, notably by priests from Florence. Mass was offered on the first Sunday of each month at the Section House of the L&N Railroad. Verona was made a parish in 1878.

In 1891, Father Benedict J. Kolb proposed to Bishop Maes that Walton and Ve-

rona be one parish and that the pastor reside at Walton.

In 1894, the Bishop assigned the Walton area as a mission of St. Patrick Church in Verona. Father J.D. Meinzer was pastor there. The Walton mission grew and thrived under the care of Father Meinzer and his successors. Eventually property was purchased and a small twenty-four by thirty-four foot church was built. The first Mass was offered at this mission church on All Saints Day, November 1, 1927. Meantime, the city of Walton had surpassed Verona in size and importance.

In 1949, Father Henry A. Busemeyer, shortly after his appointment as pastor at Verona, undertook, under Bishop Mulloy's direction, to transfer the parish center from Verona to Walton. He enlarged the tiny 24x34 church and built classrooms and a residence for Sisters to adjoin the "new church". In 1950, he opened All Saints School under the direction of the Sisters of St. Benedict.

Father Busemeyer took up residence in Walton prior to the Feast of All Saints, November 1, 1950. From that time, Verona became a mission attached to Walton, Mass being offered at St. Patrick Church every Sunday. This arrangement continued until 1964, when St. Patrick could no longer be used because it had become too small.

All Saints Church in Walton was formally dedicated by Bishop Mulloy as the new center of parish life in the Walton-Verona area, on Sunday, May 6, 1951. There were twenty-eight families in the parish.

Father Busemeyer was succeeded in turn by Father Charles Donovan, Father Robert Vater, Father Joseph Rueter, Father Fred Bamberger, and Father Harry Tenhundfeld.

Meanwhile, All Saints was growing, building, improving, and carrying on active parish life. A new rectory was constructed in 1951, and a new school was built in 1963. A great part of the latter project was accomplished by the devoted parishioners, who donated time, labor, expertise, and finances toward its completion. When a few years later the school had

## HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS PARISH (cont.)

to close, the building was still an asset, since it was used for other parish activities.

In October, 1972, plans were discussed for the renovation and enlargement of the church and a "pro-temp" committee of twenty men of the parish was appointed. With the approval of the Bishop and the Diocesan Building Committee, the work was undertaken by the parishioners during the spring and summer of 1973; and on October 28, 1973, the formal re-dedication of the renovated church was made by the Most Reverend Bishop Ackerman.

In 1974, the Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker chose Walton to establish a motherhouse, their central residence; and in 1976, St. Joseph Academy was founded.

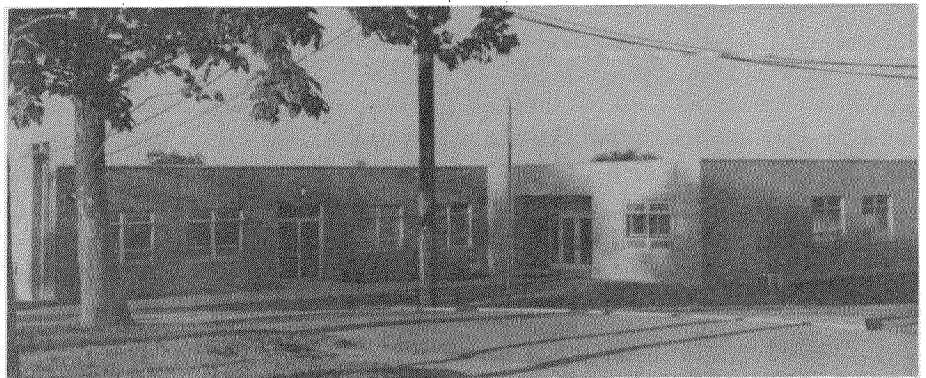
The people of All Saints Parish were shocked by the sudden death of Father Tenhundfeld on September 12, 1975. The Bishop called Father Joseph Collins out of retirement to administer the parish. In 1977, Father Eugene Wolfzorn was appointed pastor of All Saints; and in 1983, Father Paul Krebs, present pastor, succeeded to this office.

All Saints' next big project was again building; and again, the parishioners came to the fore.

The school cafeteria had been serving as a parish assembly hall for more than twenty years; but the cafeteria could no longer accommodate current larger gatherings. The parish definitely needed a hall. The school too, had outgrown its physical facilities.

Ground was broken on August 15, 1985. After a year's construction, the results were a 60x90 foot hall, six additional school rooms, an office, and a faculty room and All Saints Church had a spacious parish hall.

Walton has grown from a small village to a city of over 3000 people. All Saints Parish has had a comparable growth; from a parish of twenty-eight families in 1950 to more than 280 families in 1990.



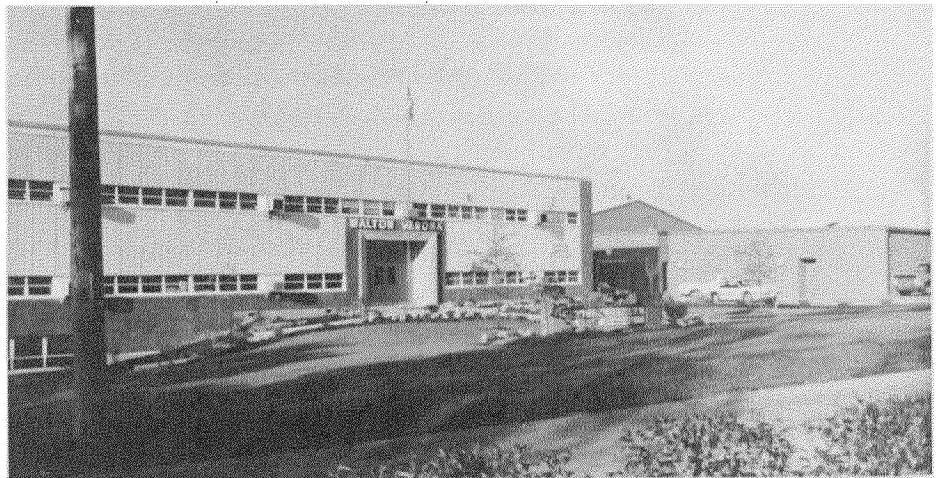
St. Joseph Academy

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Walton was one of the first communities to have a "communication device". In 1878 a contract was signed for Cincinnati to be a part of the Bell Telephone Company of Boston. This service would extend 25 miles from Cincinnati which would include Walton. In 1879, the first telephone book was published with 500 subscribers. The job of the operator was to memorize all those subscribers and to connect the calls. The lines were extended across the Suspension Bridge in 1879 and the first "hello girls" were employed. In Boone County there was the Consolidated Telephone Company which operated until 1967 when it was acquired by Bell Telephone. It was the sixth county to be added to the system in Kentucky. Today, two of the local operators still live in Walton, Mary Worthington and Katherine Robinson Jameison. I'm sure they have some pleasant and private memories of "connecting" our local calls.
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**Old School at  
85 North Main Street**

**Walton-Verona High  
School Today**



**Walton-Verona Elementary  
at Verona**



## SCHOOL HISTORIES

### *Walton School*

Before 1800 there was a County public grade school at the corner of Beaver Grade and Stephenson Mill Road. The first school to offer High School subjects was a private school started by a Mrs. Clara Myers. In 1883 a Mr. Henry Newton was a "Teacher of the Select School, offering all branches of Mathematics and a regular course of thorough instruction." In 1902 this private school became a public school. It was located on S. Main Street just north of the Walton Christian Church and known for years as the Ryle Property.

A 12-year public school, built in 1901 located on N. Main Street, now an apartment building, had the first high school in Boone County. There were four graduates in the first class of 1902; none in 1903, but there has been a graduating class every year since. A Mr. William Ransler was very active in getting this Walton public school started.

In the 89-year history of the school there is only one family who has had four generations to graduate: D. Hess Vest in 1910; Helen Vest Jones in the class of 1934; Nancy Jones Vest in 1966 and the last of four generations was Kimberly Vest in 1987. There has been several three generation families to graduate from the Walton-Verona Schools.

In the fall of 1935, the Walton-Verona Schools were consolidated into one school district. At present, grade K thru six are at the Verona Elementary School and grades seven thru 12 are at Walton. The present High School was built in 1954 and the Elementary School in 1971. Both schools have had additions since being built.



**1927 Graduation Class — Walton High School**

**Gladys McCarett, Lucy DeMoisey, Ruby Doan, Lucille Sleet**

**Back Row: Sam Hudson, Besseline Kerns, Malcolm Simpson, Stanley Johnson**

## *All Saints School*

In September 1950, the first full-time Catholic Elementary School in the Walton-Verona area was opened at All Saints under the direction of the Sisters of St. Benedict.

The Benedictine Sisters gave devoted service to God and All Saints Parish for nearly 20 years before they were transferred by their superiors to duties elsewhere.

When the Sisters of St. Benedict were recalled from All Saints, superiors at Nayareth were asked to send Sisters to staff All Saints School. Sister Evelyn, Sister Rita, Sister Kathleen and Sister Theresa Ann were assigned to All Saints.

Because of the small enrollment, the Sisters of Charity recalled the four Sisters after three years and All Saints School was closed.

## *St. Joseph Academy*

The first group of four Sisters of St. Joseph the Worker moved to Walton on November 1, 1974, with the intention of establishing their motherhouse here. Before long, All Saints parishioners began asking them to reopen All Saints School.

All Saints Parish was small at that time and could not afford to contribute the amount required by the Diocesan Office of Education to pay for teachers' salaries. The Sisters offered their services without diocesan salaries and, with the permission of Bishop Ackerman, the school opened as a private academy named St. Joseph Academy.

It took several months for difficulties to work out, but St. Joseph Academy opened its doors in August, 1976, with an enrollment of 54 students and has grown to 150 students in 1990.

There are now 11 Sisters in Walton, six of whom are involved in the work of the Academy, and one who cooks for the Sisters living in the parish convent. The other four Sisters are engaged in administration, studies and domestic work.

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The present IGA store was at one time the location of the James Theater owned by "Jimmy" Falls. A couple nights a week you could see a movie for 10¢. Also, the Walton Bowl was a Skating Rink owned by the Pruett Family. Our Boone County Judge Exec, Bruce Ferguson, was a frequent skater in the late 40's.
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### *WALTON 1914*

*It is a 'regular' town, with a miniature Broadway, electric lights, with houses showing the best attractions in living and silent drama, a beautiful pike 'The Highway to Lexington' crosses within the city limits, two railroads, The Louisville & Nashville and the Queen & Crescent accomodating the traveling public with eleven trains daily. The accomodations of these roads are so good, and the rates so low, that we are but a step from Cincinnati, Ohio, nineteen miles away. Many men work in Ludlow, Covington and Cincinnati, leave in the morning and return in the evening, securing mileage for the month for the small sum of \$5.00.*

— Walton Advertiser

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CONGRATULATIONS! Sisters of St. Joseph Academy

WALTON POST OFFICE



The following information was obtained from the dedication ceremony of the new Post Office Building at 52 South Main Street in 1962, Carl Campbell - present Postmaster and employees.

The first recorded Post Office here was established as "Gaines' Fork Roads," on July 4, 1815 and later changed to "Gaines Cross Roads."

James M. Gaines was the first recorded Postmaster, appointed by our fourth United States President, James Madison, on July 4, 1815.

William H. Metcalf served as Postmaster by appointment from November 1897 until John G. (Grant) Tomlin was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt, October 1901.

Samuel L. Edwards was again appointed to serve as Postmaster July 12, 1905 after having two previous terms, one from April 1876 and another from April 1889.

Following Mr. Edwards, Rev. Alex K. Johnson was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson, April 3, 1914 just before the first World War. Rev. Johnson had resigned his position as rural carrier to become Postmaster. He served until January 8, 1917 when President Wilson appointed W. Tilden Dudgeon, who served during World War I. He had the responsibility to handle the requisitions for the other nine post offices in Boone County. It was during this time that the War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps were issued to assist in defraying the cost of the War. It was also during this time that we suffered the winter of 1917-1918 when two rural carriers and the star route could not get away from the office with the mail for more than two weeks.

On February 15, 1922, A.R. (Ralph) Edwards was appointed and ably assisted by his sister, Lovenia Edwards, served until the appointment of Russell Tewell.

Mr. Tewell was followed by Omer Cleek, who was appointed Postmaster in May 1934, and served until his son, Clinton Cleek, was appointed on August 9, 1939.

Mr. Cleek served as Postmaster until D. Hess Vest was appointed Postmaster by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 6, 1958. Mr. Vest was successful in obtaining a new Post Office and a mobile unit for the city carrier to deliver mail. After securing the present location, a new building was dedicated in 1962. Mildred Cleek was assistant Postmaster and later, in the 60's, was appointed Postmistress, serving until 1979.

Sleet West became the first carrier on Rt. 1 followed by Rev. A.K. Johnson, then Rev.

WALTON POST OFFICE (cont.)

R.F. DeMoisey, who carried the mail on that route for about 40 years until he voluntarily retired. Jack Berkshire and George (Pete) Black continued for several years with the present carrier, Joe Huesman and the sub is Barbara Schadler. Route 1 is 47 miles long and has 535 boxes.

Route 2's first carrier was Claude Norman followed by Sam Hudson, Richard Keyer and the present carrier is William Houston and the sub is Jeannie Brown. The route is 59 miles long and has 600 boxes.

Frank Violet was the first City Carrier, followed by Charles Walker, Everett Aylor, Clifford Pruett, Ward Rice, Jack Berkshire, Bob Slayback with assistant Wilbur Kelly. Charles Willett also served as clerk and as sub carrier. Today, Mike McHargue is our carrier with sub Jim Smith. The City route has 755 boxes. Harold Campbell served as carrier while Bob Slayback was in service.

The present Postmaster, Carl Campbell, has been at Walton since 1979. Due to the growth of Walton and surrounding areas and the increase in the volume of mail, a new route was added in 1987. Rodger Neumeister is the present carrier of Route 3 and the sub is Jeannie Brown.

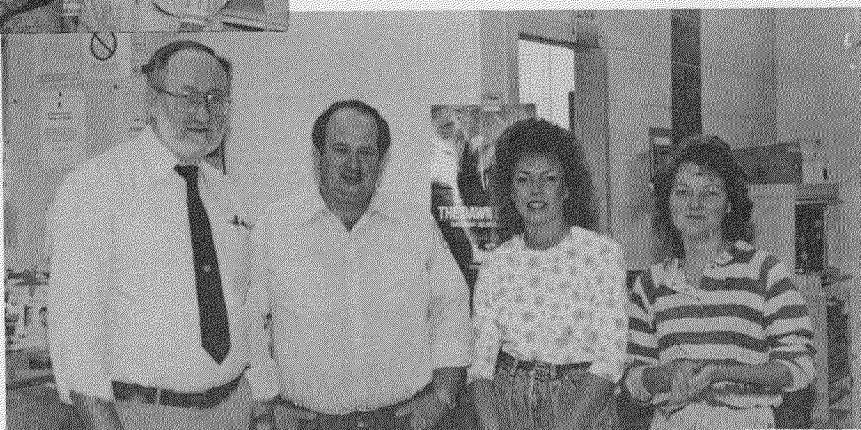
Also due to the increased volume of mail the Post Office has three clerks. Jim Smith is a clerk and a sub. He has been with the Post Office for six years. Michele Parker is a clerk and has been here for five years. Terri Abbott has been a clerk for one year.

The City is looking forward to growth in the future and with the dedication of the workers of the Walton Post Office, the mail will go through.

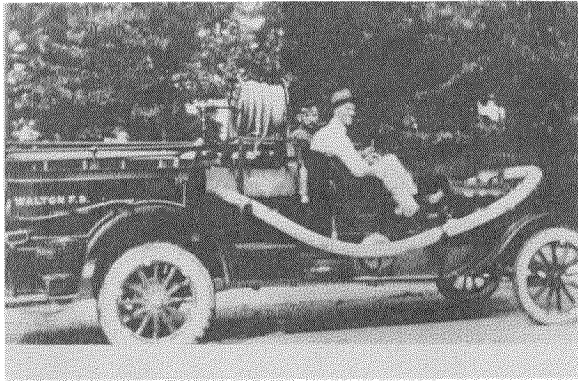


Carriers: Joe Huesman,
William Houston, Rodger Neumeister,
Mike McHargue, Jim Smith,
Jeannie Brown, Barbara Schadler.

Carl Campbell — Postmaster
Clerks — Jim Smith,
Michele Parker, Terri Abbott



WALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



**Walton's third fire truck — 1918 Ford
Driver, Chief George Wayman.
Passenger, Morgan Arnold.**

Photo taken by Assistant Chief Bruce Wallace.

In 1880 Walton had the first known organized fire-fighters. They were known as the "Bucket Brigade". There were 12 cisterns built along the roadside to be used only for fighting fires. These cisterns were used until 1936 when the City installed a water system.

In 1947 the Walton Volunteer Fire Department was formed. The first Chief was Jim Bob Allen.

The present Chief is Don McIntyre, who has been with the Department for 36 years, 16 of those being Chief. It has just recently become a paid position.

The volunteers have served the community well, answering the call in all kinds of weather, night or day, for fires, tornados, train derailments and other emergencies. Each time the Fire Department is called out, three volunteers; a driver, a helper and an E.M.T. (Emergency Medical Technician) must respond. The 20 volunteers are paid \$5.00 for each run made.

The Walton Volunteer Life Squad was established in 1971. Two of the first members are still active. They are Jess Thornton and John Taylor. Lifesquad calls outnumbered fire runs in the first four months of 1990, 4 to 1. So far there have been around 200 runs made this year. Many of these runs come from accidents on I-75 and I-71, where people are traveling outside this area.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Department was formed in 1952. They did a great job of assisting the Volunteers such as providing hot meals, coffee and soft drinks during emergencies. One of those times was in 1957 when there was a train de-



1961

**Back Row: Jean Thornton, Nellie Egan, Dorothy Still,
Betty Smith, Addie Krug and Sue Miller.
Second Row: David Gerth, Charlie Simpson, Bill King,
Jack Rouse, Jim Ward and Ed Berkemeier.
Front Row: Gene McElroy, Chick Worthington
and Jess Thornton.**

WALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT (cont.)

railment that took five days to clean up. During that time the Ladies served meals to the Department, the train crews and others helping. The Ladies were also on the job at all the Firemen's Picnics serving the food and helping in other areas of the picnic. They baked up cakes and made other goodies for the Bingos and other functions. The Auxiliary was disbanned in 1986.

First Life Squad Class

Back Row: June Howard, Betty Carlisle, Vernon Ashcraft, Mrs. Ward, Nell Egan and Jean Thornton.

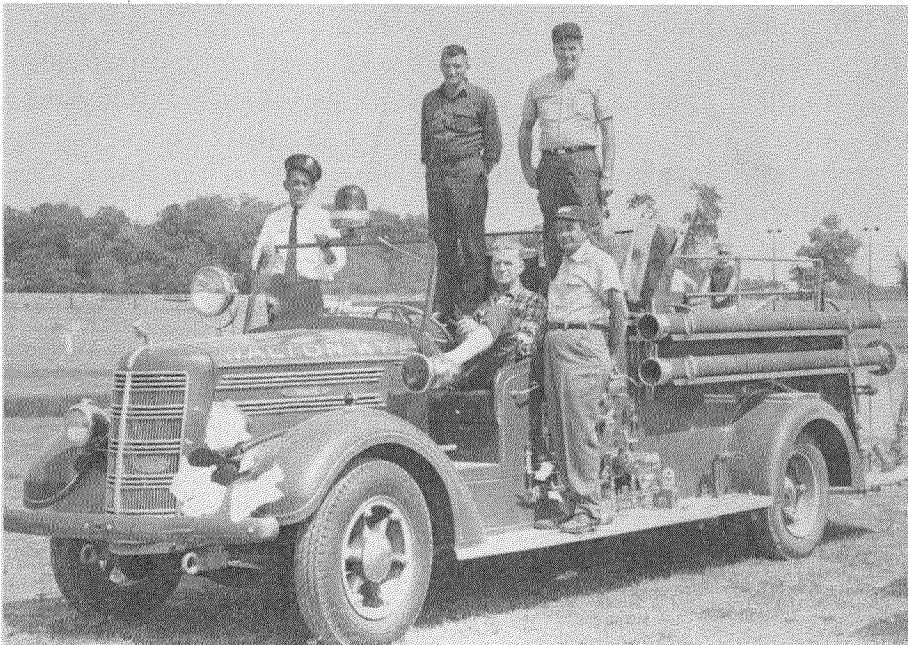
Front Row: Gene McElroy, AB Ryan, Chick Worthington, Jim Bonar and Jess Thornton.



The present firehouse was built in 1985. It houses five pumpers, two tankers, one rescue truck, a utility truck and three ambulances. This is quite a jump up from the three ladders, two poles, hooks, spikes and ropes, 25 buckets and two tubs that were used in the first "Bucket Brigade".

Every year at Christmas, the volunteers have a party and a toy give-away for the children of our area. Santa comes to town on a fire engine. The children are also given rides on the fire engine.

Our hats are off to the Volunteers . . . What would we do without them?



Standing: John Still, Bill King, Ed Mains and Junior Fry.

Seated: Jess Thornton.



WALTON LIFE SQUAD

The Walton Life Squad ambulance service was officially formed about 1968 when the funeral directors in the area were no longer able to provide this service to the community. Due to the state regulations formulated and passed into law at this time, ambulance became economically unfeasible for the local funeral directors.

The first vehicle used by Walton Life Squad was a 1958 van which was converted and equipped as an ambulance. Chambers and Grubbs funeral home donated a wheeled stretcher which was installed in the van and Walton Life Squad was in service, answering calls from the sick and injured. This service was provided by volunteers of the Walton Fire Department. The personnel were trained in Advanced First Aid and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, which was the most training available at this time.

The ambulance service operated in this manner until 1971, when a commercial ambulance was purchased. At this time, state regulations were in force, which governed the operation of ambulance services. The level of training for personnel had been upgraded and specifications for vehicles were set. An inspection schedule was set up by the state and all ambulance services were issued a state license.

To be licensed as a Conforming Ambulance Service, certain standards of equipment and personnel training have to be achieved and maintained. All personnel who are directly involved with care are required to maintain a status of "Registered Emergency Medical Technician - Ambulance" or "REMT-A". To achieve this level of training, 80 hours of study, including 10 hours of service in a hospital, is required. To continue to maintain and REMT-A status, all personnel are required to attend at least eight hours of continuing education seminars each year, plus annual recertification in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation or "CPR".

Some of the skills of the REMT-A are taking and recording vital signs such as blood-pressure, pulse, respiration, level of consciousness, reaction to pain, skin tone, deformity or wounds, ingestion of toxic substances, and medical emergencies such as heart attack, stroke, diabetic attack, and strangulation or choking. They must be proficient in attending to and caring for all trauma and medical emergencies in the field and stabilizing a patient until they are delivered to a hospital or emergency medical facility. In most instances, they are required to work under adverse conditions in unusual and unique locations. They must be skilled in caring for the youngest pediatric to the oldest senior citizen, including emergency infant delivery and care for the newborn and mother. They must be emotionally stable so they can perform their duties without becoming distressed or emotionally involved with their patients. Their appearance and actions must create a feeling of trust in their patients.

The first certified REMT-A's in 1972 were Ed Berkemeier and Jesse Thornton. The second class of certified REMT-A's in 1972 included Jean Thornton, Chick Worthington and Jim Lawrence. John Taylor and Dorothy Still became certified in 1973.

Walton Life Squad operated until 1975 with the 1971 ambulance and the 1958 van. At this time, the need for a second ambulance was apparent, so a 1974 Modular Ambulance was purchased and put in service to replace the van. In 1980, another Modular Ambulance was purchased to replace the 1971.

In May of 1984, both ambulances were damaged in accidents on the same day. In this emergency situation, arrangements were made to purchase a used 1976 ambulance from Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co. This vehicle was picked up in Columbus, Ohio and immediately placed into service. It was used until the two main ambulances could be repaired and returned to service. The three ambulances were used until 1988, when another ambulance was purchased and put into service.

With the new ambulance in service, the 1974 was removed from ambulance service. It was converted to a rescue-salvage truck and now carries the extrication equipment that is used to free victims trapped in accidents.

Walton Life Squad now has in service, three fully-equipped, first-line ambulances that are manned 24 hours a day, year around. Walton Life Squad was issued a State License in 1973 and has maintained a Conforming State License to the present time. Registration of the REMT-A's date back to January, 1972, and are continually renewed and upgraded as the regulations change. All personnel are volunteer and dedicated in their effort to make Walton and the surrounding community a safer place to live.

The current active members of the Walton Life Squad are:

Joey Vest	Nelson Rice	Joel Tucker
Ted Froelicher	Gerald Clark	Clint Green
John Taylor	Jean Thornton	Jesse Thornton
Allen Roberts	Terry Blades	Sue Blades
Lucille McIntyre	Don McIntyre	

This article was furnished by Jesse and Jean Thornton.



Today's Life Squad and Fire Department

TORNADO STRUCK WALTON, JULY 13, 1956



One of the worst disasters ever to hit the City of Walton struck Friday, July 13, 1956 at 4:00 P.M. and was over in about two minutes. It started at the farm of M.L. Carey on Beaver Road and ground its way through town out Locust Street, finishing at the Chapman barn. In between these points, Walton received an estimated loss of \$500,000 in property damage. The miracle of the tornado was in this fury of a storm, not a single life was lost! Beaver Road

was hardest hit, with five homes completely destroyed and others badly damaged. Main Street was hit hard. It blew off roofs and broke windows of the Walton Feed Mill, Tie Factory, Walton Skating Rink, and other buildings. Rescue work began at once with the Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Union Light, Heat and Power Co. and the townspeople helping. The traffic was rerouted around Walton and a DISASTER was declared. Red Cross



arrived on the scene and later established headquarters in the City Hall. Walton firemen did a fine job — Chief Chick Worthington, Russell Groger, Deputy Chief and Assistant Deputy Chiefs David Hankinson and Guy Carlisle. At the Sunday services, Rev. Joe Tackett, Walton Baptist Church and Rev. Atkinson of the Methodist Church suggested setting up stands for collecting money to help the victims. The Christian Church helped also.



Walton Police Chief, Herman Simmons, assisted by Bill Parker, Harold Jones, the Fire Department, ULH & P Co., directed traffic. Councilman D.H. Vest counted 16 cars per minute passing through at a given point. The Relief Fund grew steadily and collections were in the thousands. All local organizations worked and contributed to bring our town back to life. Verona Lake Ranch, a park with country music stars located behind the old Verona School, sponsored a show with the entire proceeds going to the benefit of the tornado victims. Mark Meadows, Editor of the Walton Advertiser, expressed in his column the overall generosity of the community, organizations and neighboring communities contributing money, time, and labor for the restoration.

**\$250,000 FIRE HITS WALTON
APRIL 9, 1971 — GOOD FRIDAY**

One of our most destructive fires in the history of Walton, struck the central section of the old business district Friday, April 9, 1971. Walton Garage, Village Barber Shop were gutted and the Boone County Drugs, owned by Wilford Rice and operated by Preston Art. Across the street and down High Street passing over the Waters' property, (formerly the old Walton Advertiser Building), and touching and completely destroying the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gernal Glacken at 16 High Street. Volunteer Firemen came from all over Northern Kentucky to aid in bringing the fire under control. The Ryan Hardware Store was in great danger, but Ab Ryan and some helpers kept the roof watered down to keep the store from catching on fire. James Spencer, Vice-President of Dixie State Bank, was still at work and he saw the flames, put all the loose papers in the big vault and locked the door and hoped the thick walls would save everything, which it did. The Walton Fire Department and Ladies' Auxiliary were busy helping to set up temporary headquarters for people without phone service and electric power. They were helped by Anna Mae Simpson, Joella Sleet, Mabel Maddox, Charles Prather, Cliff Ryan, and Les Trinkle.



DR. J.M. HUEY



Dr. Huey's Service Days

Squadron 124th Cavalry and was later transferred to China serving as surgeon with the 52nd Chinese Army until the war ended. He then spent two months taking care of internment camp in Shanghai, returning home November 18, 1945.

He started his practice in December, 1945, officially opening his office on January 1, 1946 in the old Phoenix Hotel. As his practice grew he moved to the building next to the old drugstore with Community Services Company and later over the old Dixie State Bank. In 1960 he moved into his new office at 24 North Main Street, Walton, remaining there until his retirement in July 1989, leaving behind him a record of being a humanitarian.

One of our citizens of Walton that deserves to be recognized for 45 years of dedicated "care" is Dr. J.M. Huey. Dr. Huey attended grade school and two years high school in Union Kentucky and his last two years at New Haven High School, graduating in 1933. He attended the University of Kentucky from 1933 - 1936 graduating from there after his first year of medical school with an AB degree. From 1936 - 1940, he attended medical school at the University of Louisville graduating in 1940. He was Phi Beta Kappa and AOA. He interned at St. Elizabeth Hospital from July 1940 - July 1941 and did his residency at Booth Memorial Hospital from July 1941 - March 1942.

In March of 1942, Dr. Huey entered the military service as a First Lt. in the Medical Battalion 358th Infantry 90th Division at Camp Barkley, Abilene, Texas. He was transferred to the 124th Cavalry, the last horse cavalry, in September, 1942. There he served along the Mexican border until shipped over seas in July 1944, serving in CBI Theater - China -Burma -India. Combat was in Burma with the Mars Task Force (124th Cavalry and 475th Infantry known as Merrills Marauders). Dr. Huey served as squadron surgeon with the 2nd



**Dr. Huey's office and today,
the J.B. Johnson Insurance Agency**

JAMES O. INGRAM

Nestled near the backwaters of the Ohio River in the town of Warsaw, Kentucky, is the ruins of the once-standing home of Joseph Steele. Coming to Kentucky in 1798, Joseph Steele settled the bottomlands of Warsaw taking stake to 3,000 acres of good, fertile land. Settling what is now known as Steeles Creek Bottoms in Gallatin County, Joseph Steele married Marion, a cousin of Daniel Boone in 1805.

At approximately the same time, 1833, "Aunt Bettie" was born in Missouri as a slave. Bettie was sold by the Gross family to Joseph Steele. Remaining a slave for many years, Bettie was freed when the Emancipation Proclamation was founded. Upon being freed, Bettie took the last name of her master, Steele. Migrating from Steeles Bottom to Walton, Bettie Steele worked with her husband, Nat, to provide for their family. Bettie gave birth to seven children; Louisa, Layton, Elvira, Dorcas, Fannie, Frisby and Sallie.

Purchasing a cabin on Church Street, Bettie made her home there. The cost of the cabin was \$50. Bettie washed and ironed laundry to pay for the cabin, which she did on April 28, 1902 from attorney J.G. Tomlin.

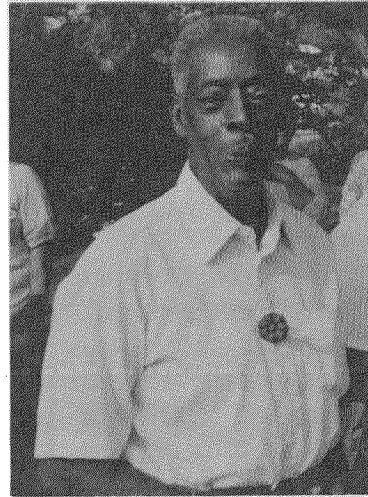
Living to be 90 years old, Bettie passed away in June, 1923, leaving behind many memories with her family members. Five generations later, one of those members is the town's favorite, James "Stony" Ingram.

Coming from a 12-member family, James was the oldest and had to provide for his mother and sisters after his father passed away. Working various jobs throughout Walton, James soon became a dependable and reliable face around town.

James went to high school in Burlington for two years; however, it wasn't easy working and going to school at the same time. James was the only male member of his family that did not join the military. James was not allowed to perform military duties, although he wanted to, because he was the only source of income for his family.

During his early twenties, James married Hulda Matilda, also of Walton. James still has memories of the tornados that passed through Walton, the terrible train accidents, the construction of Walton's reservoir and the 1937 flood.

Having six children of his own, James began to work for a trucking company. For 35 years, James worked in the trucking business. James still lives on Church Street and is now a great-grandfather, where members of his family still reside in Walton.



James "Stony" Ingram

Congratulations from Boone County Commissioner Irene Patrick,
proud to claim Walton as part of her heritage.

WALLY WIREMAN



Wally and Frances Wireman

Walton can certainly take pride in their hometown inventor, Wally Wireman. Wally was born in Boone County, near Beaver Lick, but was raised in Cincinnati. At a very early age, Wally found himself tinkering with gadgets to discover their mechanics. The Wireman family realized their son has a God-given talent when he wired electricity up to the third floor of their house at the mere age of eight years old.

While in school, Wally worked on radios and other mechanical equipment. His family and classmates soon began to say, "Give it to Wally, he can fix it." Wally is just one of those unique individuals that has the natural talent of fixing, inventing and looking at things—seeing it can be done in a better way.

After his schooling, Wally joined the United States Air Force. Little did the Air Force know that at the age of 70 years old, Wally would be honored by the U.S. Defense Department for his invention, the "Molecular Adsorber."

With eight patents, Wally soon discovered that the "Molecular Adsorber", bigger than anyone had expected it to become, was one of his best inventions. Working on the "Molecular Adsorber" was a goal Wally had after his son, Harry, developed lung cancer. Wally strove to create a health-care device to take odors and gases out of the air. As the town of Walton knows, when Wally sets his mind to something, it can be done.

The "Molecular Adsorber", which draws and traps cigarette fumes from the air into a disposable container, was initially invented for smokers and non-smokers. However, the government got wind of Wally's invention and began using the "Molecular Adsorber" to keep gases and moisture out of missiles, fighter planes and other military equipment.

After the U.S. Defense Department took recognition of Wally's work, the town of Walton did the same. Honoring Wally for his hard work and dedication, the city council of Walton presented Wally with a plaque at a 1990 city council meeting.

Wally and his wife Frances, which he married in 1972, work together at

their hometown business, the AQW Inc., located in Walton. AQW Inc., owned by Frances, is a production company where thousands of Wally's devices are manufactured every year. Wireman also has his own company, Wired Inc.



18 North Main Street

STEVE CAUTHEN — OUTSTANDING JOCKEY FROM WALTON

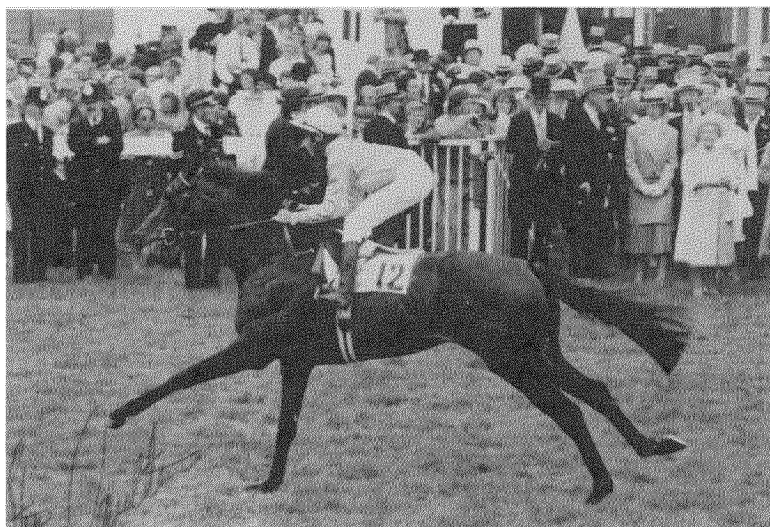
Steve Cauthen moved to Walton with his parents, Tex and Myra Cauthen, at the age of five. He rode his first race at the age of 16, on May 12, 1976, and had his first win on May 17, 1976. He was nick-named "The Kid" by sports writers.

Steve won many races culminating with the "Triple Crown" of racing in 1978. First the Kentucky Derby, then the Preakness, and finally, the Belmont. He is the last jockey to claim this title. He also won the Eclipse Award that year.

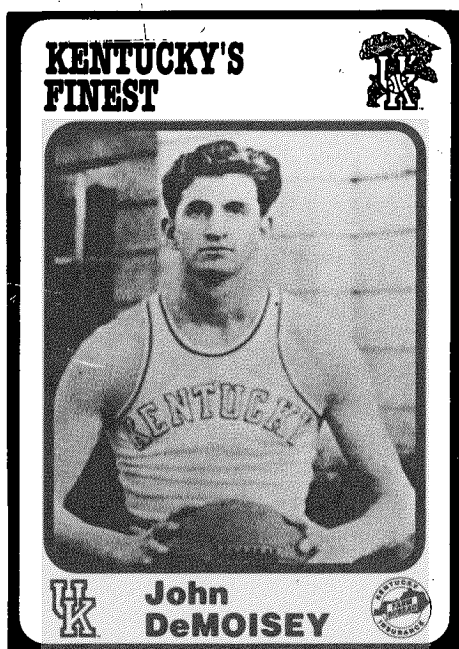
In 1979, Steve accepted an offer to ride in England, where he has been the leading jockey for three years. He has won the English Derby, the French Derby, and the Irish Derby. He is the only rider to accomplish this. Steve has raced in many other countries including Hong Kong, China, Australia, Japan, Malaysia, France, Ireland, Germany, South Africa and Italy.

Steve left Walton-Verona High School in his sophomore year and since then has obtained his "GED" through Walton-Verona High School. His roots remain in Walton where he returns each year to rest and visit family and friends.

Among his awards are three magazine covers; *Sports Illustrated*, *News Week*, and *Time Magazine*, and a "Sportsman of the Year" award, in 1977. There is also a book called *The Kid* by Pete Axthelem.



Slip Anchor



JOHN "FRENCHY" DeMOISEY

John DeMoisey was the son of Rev. and Mrs. R.F. DeMoisey. He graduated from Walton High School and went on to be Adolph Rupp's first UK recruit. He had originally planned to attend Duke but liked what Rupp had to say and Duke was forgotten. He brought his left-handed hook shot to UK in 1931. He was captain of the 1933-34 team and was named All-American that year.

PAT SCOTT HALL OF FAME — 1989



American Girls Professional Baseball League.

In her last three years in the League (1951-53), she compiled a 48-26 record. For the past 29 years, she has worked at a lab in Kenwood, Ohio, living on her spread in Walton. The League peaked in Scott's first year, 1948, drawing nearly one million. By then, she was a fixture in fast-pitch softball in Cincinnati.

Upon seeing a newspaper ad for try-outs for the Women's Professional League, Scott left for Chicago. She was one of only two players who threw overhand. On June 15, 1989 she went to Cooperstown, N.Y. July 21-24, 1989 for Johnny Bench's induction and belatedly, her own.

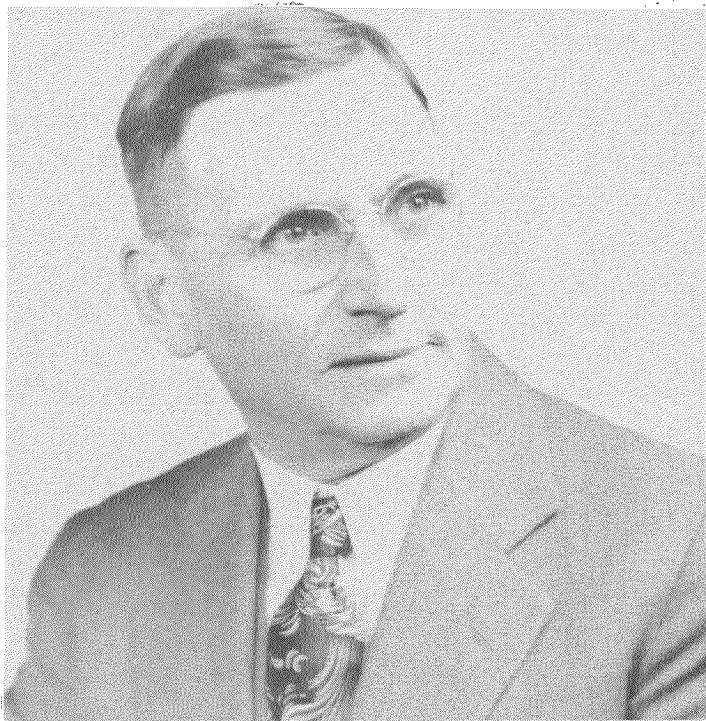
Pat Scott started her athletic career, and then at age 24, after a college education, she took a different path. Pat pursued a college degree in Austria as an exchange student and then took a job in a laboratory when she returned.

But baseball did not forget Pat Scott. Today her name is in the Hall of Fame as part of an exhibit. Pat Scott was a star pitcher in the All-



Some 36 years after retiring as a player, Pat Scott of Walton visited the Baseball Hall of Fame for the first time, June 15, 1989.

HESS VEST



George Vest, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, was awarded land in Boone County, Kentucky as payment for services. He came to Kentucky from Virginia and lived in Henry County before settling in Boone County in 1810.

A great-grandson of George Vest's, Carter Hamilton Vest, had a farm between Walton and Verona on Eades Road. Carter Hamilton Vest had four sons and two daughters. Two of these sons have been well-known Walton citizens since the early 1900's.

John Lewis Vest, oldest son of Carter Vest, was one of the early attorneys to have a law office in Walton. After graduating from law school, John came to Walton to begin his law practice in the office of John Grant Tomlin. John L. Vest and then his son, Walter, served Walton for many years with legal services.

The youngest son in the Carter Vest family was D. Hess Vest, born in 1892 at the Verona farm. Hess Vest attended Walton High School, living at the home of his brother, John. In good weather, Hess walked the L&N Railroad to his home in Verona. He graduated from Walton High School in 1910. After high school he worked in Cincinnati and, during World War I, was Postmaster in Verona. He and his family moved to Walton in 1922 and he resided there until his death in 1979.

During the time Hess Vest lived in Walton he was active in city affairs. He had a variety of jobs: Tobacco Warehouse bookkeeper, farmer, Cheverolet car dealership, building contractor, and his last position was Postmaster. He also served as a volunteer fireman, city clerk, and Council Member.

JOHN WEAVER—STATE SENATOR

John Weaver, a State Senator for the 24th District and a beloved Walton resident served the people of this area, starting first as a County Commissioner and serving in that capacity for a period of nine years. In 1983, John was honored as Local Official of the Year. He served on the board of Booth Hospital and was very active in Boone County Jaycees. While commissioner, John worked very hard to acquire state funds to allow the county to replace the run down jail.

In 1987, John was elected Senator. As a freshman senator, John achieved a "first ever" in being appointed to Senate Rules Committee.



**John Weaver with wife, Patti
and children, Jennifer, John, Rachel, Ashley and James.**

John worked hard on every task that he undertook. One of the biggest accomplishments that he was able to be involved in was the passing of the Child Restraint Law. He was chairman of the sub-committee on Education reform.

John fought a long, hard battle with cancer starting when he was just 36 years old. It never altered his determination. When the assembly was in session in Frankfort, there was never a roll called that Senator Weaver didn't answer "here", even if that meant

getting there in a wheel chair and being bodily lifted into his seat.

A devout Christian, John credited all that he did to his faith in God. He lived his life to the end with the power of God in every bone of his body. John died on February 25, 1989, leaving his wife, Patti and five children, Jennifer, John, Rachel, Ashley and James. Patti served out his term in Frankfort and then returned home to Walton to care for their family.

The following is a poem that John used in all his campaigns:

THE GUY IN THE GLASS...

*When you get what you want in your struggle for self
And the world makes you "King" for a day,
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself
And see what that guy has to say.*

*You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears,
If you've cheated the guy in the glass...*

Dale Wimbrow

Dedicated to the memory of Senator John Weaver by Senator Patti Weaver and family

AUTHOR "BERNIECE HISER"



Berniece T. Hiser

Mrs. Hiser, a Walton resident who considers herself a true Appalachian, said when Dodd and Meade and Co. of New York City decided to publish her book, she rejoiced around the house two or three days. Mrs. Hiser had written the book for fun, but had never sent it to the publishers because she was more interested in writing than selling.

She became the folk-tale teller in her first book, *Quare Do's in Appalachia*. It is a collection of folk-tales and memorats, which are stories of supposedly real happenings, given by word of mouth. It was published in 1978.

Mrs. Hiser, who was a librarian and teacher for more than 30 years, has sent a second book to be published. She has a Bachelor's Degree in English and Creative Writing from Berea College and a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Kentucky. She retired from a school in Indiana during the 1970's. She has written about 50 books, but only a few are for chil-

dren — the others are romances and biographies. She draws from her Appalachian roots when she writes.

Today Mrs. Hiser and her husband reside on South Main Street and she is in ill health and unable to work on her favorite works.

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The City of Walton is still considered as being a part of the mystery surrounding John Wilkes Booth, the man who shot President Abraham Lincoln in 1865. Henry Newton, a young, handsome and intelligent man, appeared in Northern Kentucky two days after the assassination suffering from a leg injury. He had been assisted by a man from Crittenden. The story goes that John Wilkes Booth had relatives in Cincinnati and that he (if he was Newton) was trying to find refuge in our area. Also, Booth had suffered a broken leg when he jumped from the theater box after shooting Lincoln. Mr. Newton carried with him a small trunk, the contents of which were never actually disclosed. He was well educated, so the Crittenden man, being an official in the school system, helped Newton get a job teaching in the Walton School. Newton took up residence at the Phoenix Hotel. He married a girl from Walton and had a family. He continued to teach in surrounding communities and at the age of 83 was buried in Williamstown Cemetery — his stone can be seen there today. A body, supposedly identified as Booth, is buried in Baltimore. There is a plaque near Port Royal, Virginia in the A.P. Hill Military Reservation denoting the location that Booth was cornered and killed by Union soldiers, April 26, 1865. So, we may never know the secret of Henry Newton.

## THE JOHNSON FAMILY



**J.B. Johnson and Shirley Johnson receiving an award**

Nicholson Road. J.B. and his wife, Olive, were involved in helping to start this venture, with J.B. as bookkeeper and still building up his insurance business.

The Johnsons had one son, Thomas. Tom married Shirley Riggs in 1957, another Boone County girl. To this union, two daughters, Jennifer and Alexa. Jennifer is now owner and operator of Jenny's Beauty Shop in Walton. In 1972, Shirley joined the firm as a licensed insurance agent. Tom is also licensed but works with Florence Deposit Bank. After J.B.'s retirement, Shirley has continued to operate the business, earning several awards and titles. In 1981 she was the first woman president of Professional Insurance Agents of Kentucky. Shirley was presented the honor of being Agent of the Year of the PIA of Kentucky in 1985 and represented Kentucky in 1986 at their National Convention in Hawaii. She also has been listed in Who's Who of Women of America. Today, Shirley and the J.B. Johnson Insurance Agency are located at 24 North Main Street in Walton.

J.B. Johnson was born on May 8, 1906, and was reared in Walton. He was a businessman from the time he entered the work force. Prior to starting the J.B. Johnson Insurance Agency in 1941 (just as World War II started), J.B. worked for Consolidated Telephone Company collecting the bills from residents who had phones in their homes door-to-door. What a difference from today. During World War II, in addition to his insurance business, J.B. traveled to Wright's to work, doing his share during wartime.

After the war, another businessman, Frank Demoisey, decided to start a Propane Gas business, selling service and appliances on Walton-

## THE RYAN FAMILY



In 1912 Russell Ryan and Margaret Maddin were united in marriage. From this union came four children, Joseph, Richard, George and Rose.

The elder son, Joe started his life as a dairy farmer and went on to become Boone County Property Valuation Administrator. When George returned from Korea, he and Dick opened Ryan Bros. Restaurant in 1948. In 1952 George opened Ryan's Variety Store. In a few years Cliff Ryan joined in and George went on to purchase Conrad Hardware. As Ryan Hardware began to expand, it created Ryan Implement Company, Inc. Having enjoyed his years in the

tavern business, George opened Steve's Pub which is named for Walton's accomplished jockey, Steve Cauthen, in 1977.

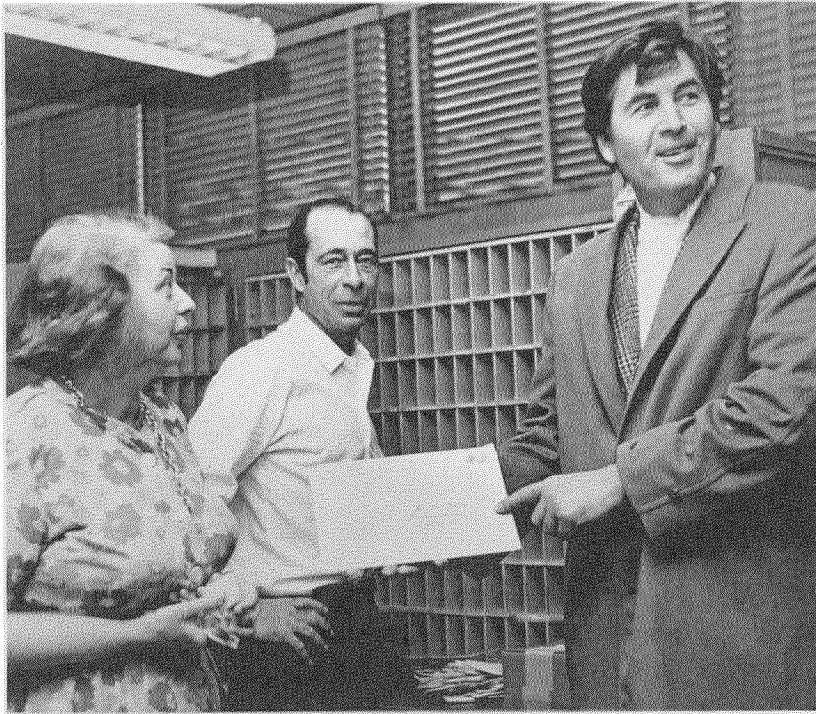
Through the years George remained involved in the growth of the community by serving on Walton City Council and as Mayor of Walton.

George married Betty Klefken in 1950. They have two children, Russell and Debbie. Russ and his wife, Nancy have three children, Casey, Caitlyn and Cody who help Grandpa mind the farm. Debbie and her husband, Rick Rich also reside in Walton.



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Columbus C. Metcalfe graduated from medical school in 1901. Morphine was sold off grocery store shelves. Mr. Metcalfe was the grandfather of Lucille Brakefield and Faye Conner.

WALTON'S UNFULFILLED DREAM



Mildred Cleek, Jack Berkshire and Fess Parker

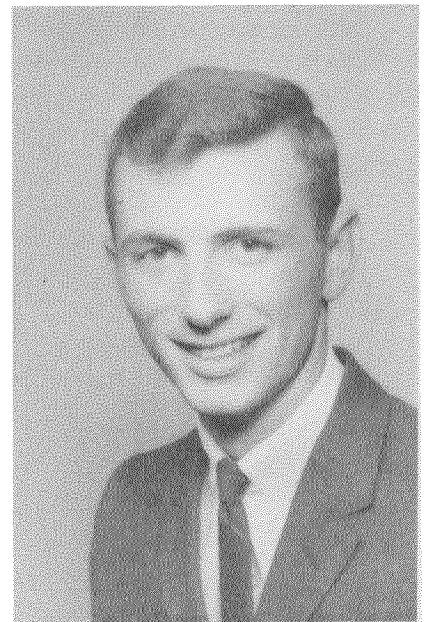
Walton again almost became the metropolis of Boone County in 1968-69 when TV's Fess Parker announced that he planned to build a \$13.5 million Disneyland-type amusement park on approximately 1500 acres off the junction of I-75 and I-71. The park would have opened in 1970 and would have generated an estimated 180 million dollars in tourism over a 10-year period. The site tract consisted of 320 acres and belonged to Galen "Jack" Berkshire.

The City of Walton was so enthused that "Frontier World" was being developed that the Greater Walton Businessmen's Association was formed to promote the area.

In September 1968, Postmistress Mildred Cleek reported in the Walton Advertiser that the new postage stamp was really in demand. The stamp displayed the tools of Daniel Boone's trade — a Kentucky rifle, powder horn, knife and a tomahawk hanging against a roughly hewn board.

The Businessmen's Association promoted Walton as much as possible and decided to name Dale Chapman (then a UK student) as an ambassador, when they learned he was going to California. Dale was given a large gold key to the City to be presented to Chuck Barrie of the Dating Game. This was one of the first steps to put Walton on the map linking Frontier World as Anaheim, California was to Disneyland. Dale was honored to meet with Fess Parker and see the filming of the Daniel Boone series. Dale is the son of Marie Blizzard and graduated from Walton-Verona High School.

Finally, the curtain came down when word was received of a new amusement park being developed in Kings Mill, Ohio. Fespar Enterprises, Inc. decided the location of the new park would affect Frontier World economically and would not be feasible. So . . . our shining star disappeared.



Ambassador Dale Chapman

FULFILLED DREAM

Along with shattered dreams comes experiencing the so-called "American Dream". The late Wendell Rouse family has experienced this and continues on today a fourth generation. Mr. Rouse was born in Zion Station, Grant County in 1897 and in the early 1900's moved to Walton with his family. Wendell's father had purchased a half interest in the Walton Rolling Mills. At an early age Wendell showed a talent for building, which resulted in his lifetime profession.

Wendell Rouse married Louise Jack (Mee Maw). And to this union — two sons, Asa and Jack were born.

Wendell prospered until the Depression years when his mortgage collection hit rock bottom, then he turned to sign painting which proved successful.

Although education was not one of his favorite pass-times, he proved that hard work and a desire to succeed is productive.

Wendell Rouse was also an inventor, receiving a patent for a miter box he invented.

Son Asa looked at the future in a different aspect. He felt education would provide the way of life he dreamed of. With the same fatherly drive, Asa ("Buddy") has become one of Northern Kentucky's most successful attorneys, serving for years in Boone County and establishing his law firm at 10 S. Main Street. He has been one of our favorite historians and accepts each individual for themselves.

Asa and his wife Libby have three children, Amy, Rebecca and Mills. Mills is the third recipient in this dream. Mills has been reared in more lenient times regarding health and doing things rather than having things. Mills is proving to be a successful attorney in the Rouse and Benson law firm, responding effectively to the guidelines of the past. Mills and his wife Charlene have two sons, Addison and Holden. If they accept the challenge and if history does repeat itself, with the Rouse ambition 50 years from now there will be more of the American Dream story.

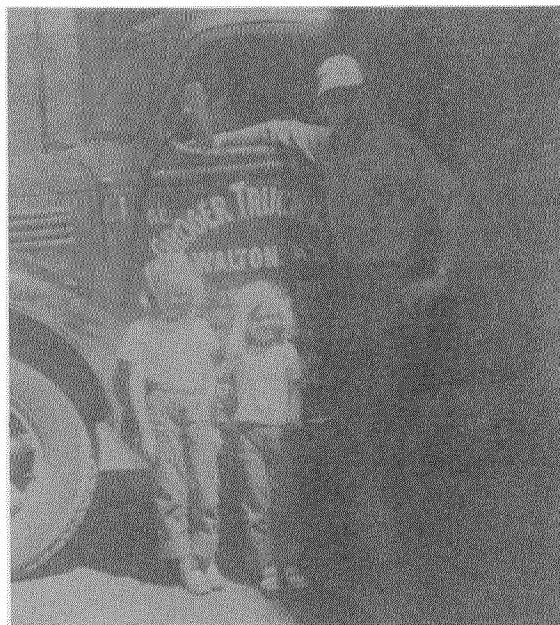




GROGER TRUCKLINE



**Russell and Gilbert Groger
February, 1945**



Carol, Barbara and Russell Groger

A cousin, Elmer Groger, who has since passed away, started this truckline in 1922. He had a milk route from surrounding farms and counties and hauled milk and produce into Cincinnati. From this evolved the "Groger Truckline", with Gilbert Groger and his two sons, Russell and Elmer Groger and Carol Groger, office worker, 3rd generation.

Today, Groger Truckline still hauls locally in the Greater Cincinnati area. They have about 15 trucks and trailers and a terminal in Cincinnati.



L-R, Walter Whitson, son Buddy and Gilbert Groger





Homes on North Main Street

Left to Right:

**Guy and Betty Carlisle
91 North Main Street**

**J.B., Tom and
Shirley Johnson
93 North Main Street**

**Byron and Lynda Kent
95 North Main Street**

**Left
109 North Main Street

Louise and Opal Pelfrey
111 North Main Street**



**South Main Street
Hayward Smith
155 South Main Street**



This page sponsored by Guy, Betty, Christy, Blake, Kelsey and special friend — George Bolin in memory of the Carlisle Oil Company, 1926-1981, Charlie Carlisle, 1901-1986, Myrtle Carlisle, 1901-1988 and Connie Carlisle, 1953-1974



Left — Frontier Pizza,
owned and operated by Sandy Cundiff
since 1982.
3 South Main Street

Right — Fergies Restaurant
5 North Main Street

Looking South on Main Street, Early 1900
Notice:
Dirt Street, Fire Well, Board Sidewalks



Waltonian Hotel
10 North Main Street

Looking South
1990



WALTON SENIOR CENTER

Founded and started at Walton Christian Church in the 1960's, Beulah Smith was the director. From there it moved to Walton Village Apartments. In October, 1983, it moved to a new building at 10 Church Street. This building belongs to the city. A contract was signed with the City of Walton and the building has been used for all Walton and other Seniors use.

Some of the activities are; Hot-lunch and home delivery and, Northern Kentucky Senior Commodity program which started in 1983.

The van first picks up people for the meals and delivers Hot-Meals to shut-ins. They take people to Doctor and Dentist appointments, etc.

They have a wonderful program of recreation — sing-a-longs, Bingo, card-playing, and crafts. They have special speakers for different occasions.

Once a month they honor birthdays of all senior citizens in that month.

A newsletter is sent out each month and to receive it you pay \$3.00 for singles and \$6.00 for married couples, yearly.

They have square dances every Thursday night and take an active part in Old-Fashion Day. A quilt is homemade and raffled off and the proceeds go to the center. They have just purchased a new piano with craft money. Other recent purchases include a

microwave, couch, V.C.R. and movie projector and have had chairs recovered. This has been a very rewarding year for the Walton Center as they have been awarded the best center in Northern Kentucky. The Center has been under the management of William Garrison.



Left to Right: Wilma Winburn, Betty Webster, Ommi Gallager and Stella Saylor

HISTORY OF THE WALTON WOMAN'S CLUB

The Walton Woman's Club will be 67 years old in January, 1990, having been organized in 1923. This is probably the oldest women's social organization in Walton.

In January 1923, 24 charter members formed the Walton Woman's Literary Club when they met at the home of Mrs. E. K. Stephens. (Her home was where Frank Butler now lives on S. Main St.). The last living member of the Charter Membership was Mrs. Anna Pearl Gaines, who died in 1988. One member of the present membership of the Walton Woman's Club, Helen Jones, is a daughter of the Charter member Hope Vest. Mrs. Jones remembers all of the 24 charter members; she joined the club in 1938.

The Walton Woman's Literary Club became Federated in February of 1924 and was a part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, a National and International Organization of Women.

In December of 1924, a Junior Organization of the Woman's Literary Club was formed. This group of young ladies, daughters or friends of the Senior members, were known as the "L" Club. This club disbanded in the mid 30's.

Again in 1945, another group of younger women from Walton and Verona banded together to form the Wa-Na Club. The organization of this group was also a project of the Senior Club. New Club formations were being promoted by the General Federation. The Wa-Na Club is still an active organization.

In the early 1950's, the Woman's Literary Club changed to "open membership" and has, at times, had an attendance of nearly 40 women. Too large to be entertained in the member's home, the Club began meeting in the Fellowship Hall of the Walton Christian Church.

The word "Literary" was dropped from the name in 1974. The present club membership of 16 is called the Walton Woman's Club, and hold their meetings the first Wednesday of April through December. We are a learning group, having guest speakers and other forms of entertainment. We have our own fun and fellowship having dropped out of the General Federation. We are "young at heart, if not in years."



Former home of Mrs. Clara Presser, 109 North Main Street.
Also former home
of John Grant Tomlin.

THE WALTON HOMEMAKERS

The Walton Homemakers had its beginning in 1936. It was one of 10 Charter Clubs in Boone County. It was not simple to get these clubs started as the need for such an organization had to be proved to the Fiscal Court. This was the group which would appropriate the finances needed. The ladies were successful. They proved to the court the need rural ladies had to be provided information of ways to have better furnishings for their homes at a minimum cost, better food for their families and general knowledge for giving their children the best care possible.

The earliest lessons were taught by teachers who came from the University of Kentucky. They taught such skills as: how to can fruits and vegetables, refinish furniture, basic sewing, making learning toys for their children out of such things as a coffee can, how to make leather gloves for men and women, how to hook and braid rugs, how to make lamp shades, knit and re-design hats, to name a few.

The meetings were held monthly in the homes of members and a covered dish lunch was served.

Through the years, the Walton Club has been active in the work not only of the local Club, but also in the County, area and state departments of Extension Service. Numerous ribbons and awards have been earned by the members.

EASTERN STAR CHAPTER 161

☞ Organized 1911

☞ First Matron—Emma Menefee (also a Grand Matron)

☞ First Patron—C.C. Metcalf (1911 - 1913)

☞ Grand Patron—John L. Vest

☞ Last Year's Matron—Pearl Curtis (1970-1971)

☞ Last Year's Patron—Wayne Rice (1970-1971)

This Chapter closed in 1971 and most of the members transferred to local Chapters in Florence, Independence and Erlanger.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 833

Walton, Kentucky

Boy Scout troops have existed on and off in Walton since the fifties. The latest troop is 833. It was started in the fall of 1984 with five boys led by Jim Daniels. There have been as many as 25 boys involved with the troop during its existence. Troop 833 has won many awards and ribbons since it was formed. The boys have enjoyed canoe trips, hikes and campouts over the years.

The current Scoutmaster is Paul Lewis with Jim Daniels as the Assistant Scoutmaster. There are currently eleven boys registered with the troop.

The current membership includes:

David Laws — Tenderfoot Rank

Christopher Gripshover — Tenderfoot Rank

William Rinschler — Tenderfoot Rank

Bobby Ashcraft — Boy Scout

Kevin Hughes — Boy Scout

Jason Workman — Boy Scout

John Lawrence — 1st Class

Matt Barth — 2nd Class

Kenny Parmely — Tenderfoot

Brian Menefee — 2nd Class

Jesse Richard — Tenderfoot

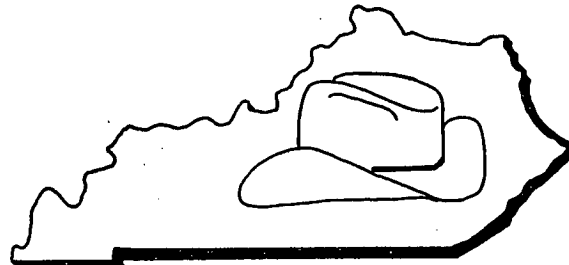
Cindy Laws — Committee Chairperson

John Rottinghaus — Committee Member

Timothy Barth — Committee Member

Mark Gibbons — Executive Officer

GOOD GUY CLUB



OF KENTUCKY INC.

WE CARE

The Good Guys Club was originally started by three men, Dick Davis, Rudy Rutan and Ellis Spencer. We were Chartered December 31, 1975 by the State of Kentucky with the help of State Representative, Bill McBee and Attorney, Nick Benson. We were organized with the purpose of helping the less fortunate to get through rough times. The year of 1989 we distributed 87 barrels of food and toys to needy families at Christmas time. This does not include the numerous families we have helped throughout the year, who by fire or some other disaster we have helped.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
Fleek-Webster Post 6235
Walton, KY 41094



Members Francis Ryan and George Raybourne presenting Mayor William King with a flag for the City of Walton.

Post 6235 was started in Walton, Kentucky on April 4th, 1987. Prior to this time, men from the Department of Kentucky VFW canvassed the Walton area to see if they could sign up enough members to start a new post. Then they called a meeting for the fourth of April at the Senior Citizen's Center to elect officers and swear them in and to decide on a name for the new Post. After a few names were suggested and the relatives of those selected were contacted to see if there were any objections, the names of Fleek-Webster were decided upon. We decided to meet on the third Saturday of every month at the Senior Center after getting our beloved Mayor Bill King to run interference with the Senior Citizen's Manager at that time to leave the third Saturday open for us.

The first officers elected were: Commander—Gilbert Napier, Quartermaster—Norbert Otten, Sr. Vice Commander—George Raybourne, Jr. Vice Commander—John Johnson, Chaplain—Frank Ryan and Adjutant—Charles (Bill) Willett.

Due to illness in November of 1987, Gilbert Napier resigned as Commander and Frank Ryan was elected as Commander.

Ralph Sutterfield, a member of Steinhauer-Schardt Post No. 8020 in Wilder, Kentucky, was instrumental in getting Post 6235 started and he's always available to answer questions when we need him. We owe him a lot.

Our current officers are: Commander—George Raybourne, Sr. Vice Commander—Sam Stevens, Jr. Vice Commander—Thomas Searle, Quartermaster—Frank Ryan, Chaplain—John F. Johnson, Adjutant—Charles W. Willett.

In 1987, when we started the Post, we had 27 members. As of this writing we have 22 paid-up members. Some have moved and some we can't contact. We are in need of a lot of new members. Anyone wishing to become a member, please contact the Quartermaster, Frank Ryan, at 485-4648. Dues are \$15.00 per year, plus an initiation fee of \$1.00. We meet the third Saturday of every month at the Community Center behind City Hall.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Johnson-McElroy Unit #277, American Legion Auxiliary was organized in late 1948 and received their Charter on January 10, 1949. There were 25 Charter members. They included Dorothy Veeneman, Florence Ryan, Evelyn Poland, Anna Hoelscher, Cecelia Veeneman, Dora Stephenson, Emma Cluster, Hazel McElroy, Lucille Campbell, Frances Lemmons, Emma Spellman, Margaret Veeneman, Doris Pyles, Helen Code, Beatrice Glenn, Doris Lindsay, Nelda Lucas, Mildred Vest, Alice Feldhaus, Dorothy Connelly, Nell Jean Thornton, Carrie Johnson, Corrine Code, Rose Ellen Yates, and Katherine Penick.



Members of Legion Auxilliary serving at Ft. Thomas VA Hospital. Emma Cluster, Georgia Stephenson, LII Young, Mrs. Hoelscher and Mrs. Gilliland.

The Auxiliary, like the American Legion, was named in honor of two local young men who lost their lives in World War II. They were Paul Johnson and DeSha McElroy.

Although the Auxiliary is a separate organization, it has spent many an hour working for and with the Legionnaires. They also have had many projects on their own. These have included having bingos, sewing bandages at the Veteran's Hospital in Ft. Thomas, holding card parties, etc. for

the veterans in the hospital, selling poppies made by the hospitalized veterans and sending girls to Girls State. The girls go to Eastern State University where they spend a week learning about the workings of government.

The Auxiliary has always participated in the Memorial Day parade and services, sponsored by the American Legion.

The primary purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary is to help the Legion help veterans and their families and most of all, to perpetuate patriotism, respect for our flag and love of God and country.

HISTORY OF THE WA-NA CLUB

Mrs. Clayton Jones, a member of the Walton Woman's Literary Club, invited a group of young women to her home in September, 1945, for the purpose of organizing a younger Woman's Club in the Walton vicinity. The name suggested by Katherine Hamilton — WA, the first two letters in Walton and NA, the last two letters of Verona, since the membership was comprised of women from these neighboring towns. The Wa-Na Club was federated and became a part of the Kentucky Federation in October, 1945.

Of the 16 charter members, two are still active in the present membership of the Wa-Na Club; Helen Jones and Helen Ruth McElroy. The first president was Mrs. Vera Wright, mother of Walton Council member, Donna Scroggins, also a member of the club.

The Wa-Na Club has been active in Walton ever since its organization with an objective to develop intellectual endeavor, social friendships and community service. Over the years this Club has served the community in many ways. In 1950, work toward a Library was started. By 1952, over 1200 books were on the shelves of the library located in the old city building.

Another "Red Letter Year" for the Wa-Na Club was in 1953, when the first kindergarten in Walton was opened at the Methodist Church. There were sixteen boys and girls in this first class — a private kindergarten under the capable leadership of Mrs. James Webster. In 1957, the kindergarten was moved to the Baptist Church where it continued to operate until 1967 when it was taken over by the Baptist Church.

Through the years the membership has changed names and members, but continued to be active. The club had money-making projects and did much toward improvements in Walton. The stone planter and flag pole at the City Building was one. Substantial donations to the City Park, awards to students at the high school to promote achievement and completion are some others. In 1961, the membership was at its peak in members, so a Club Room was opened in the basement of John Maddox's Dentist Office.

By the late 60's, our membership had waned, the kindergarten changed hands and the library and the Club Room had been dissolved, but the Club spirit was still active and members continued to work together during the 70's and 80's.

Now it is 1990 and we are still an organized Club with a membership of 22. During 45 years, over 200 women have had part in Wa-Na Club membership and activities. We are no longer a part of the federation but have projects we promote among high school students and for the community.

We welcome and invite anyone interested to become a member. Mrs. Daniel Hance is the president.

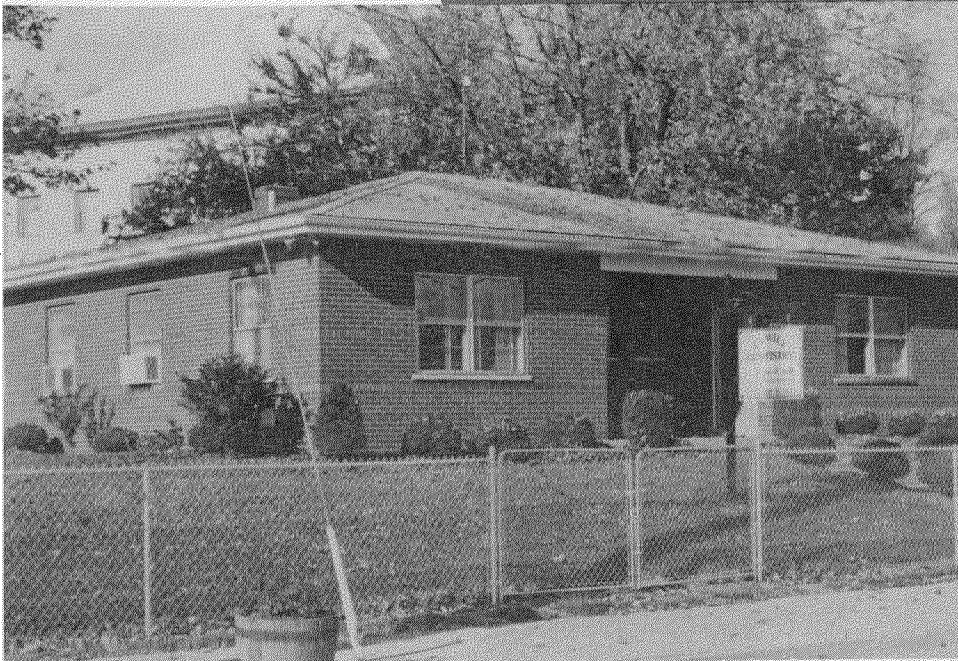
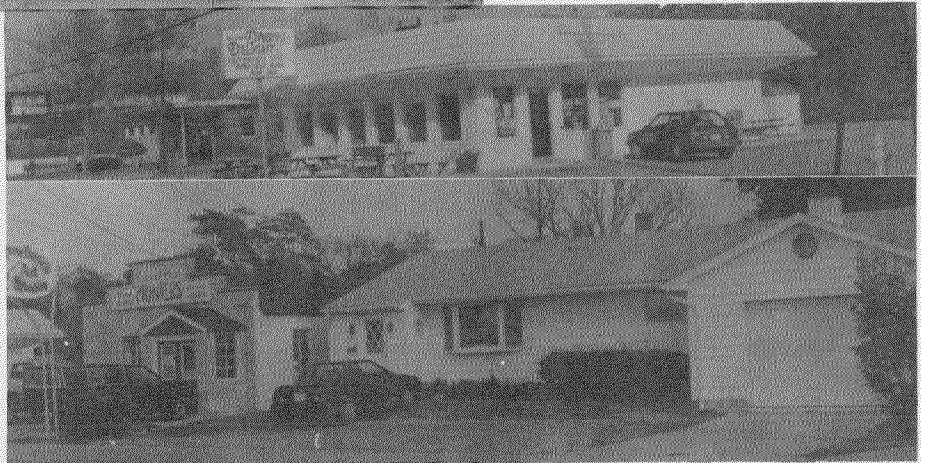




**Colonial Press Printers
Owned and Operated by
David and Rita Due
186 North Main Street**

**Network Video
194 North Main Street
Walton Dairy Dellte
188 North Main Street**

**Colonial Press Printers
186 North Main Street
Anneliese's Art Studio
184 North Main Street**

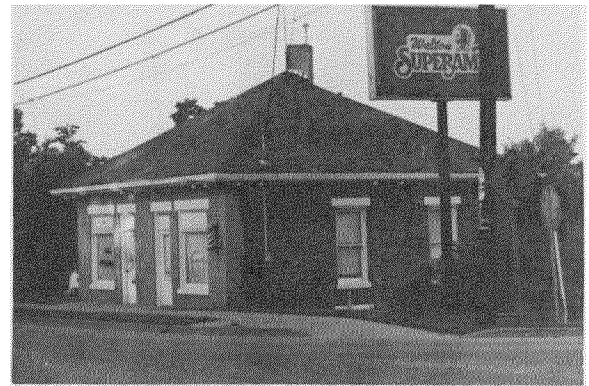


**Gaines & Huey
Dentist Office
75 North Main Street
Marcele Gibson
Bradley Huey**





29 North Main Street



**Jack's Barber Shop
21 South Main Street
Former office of Dentist, Dr. Dwight
Maddox and son John**

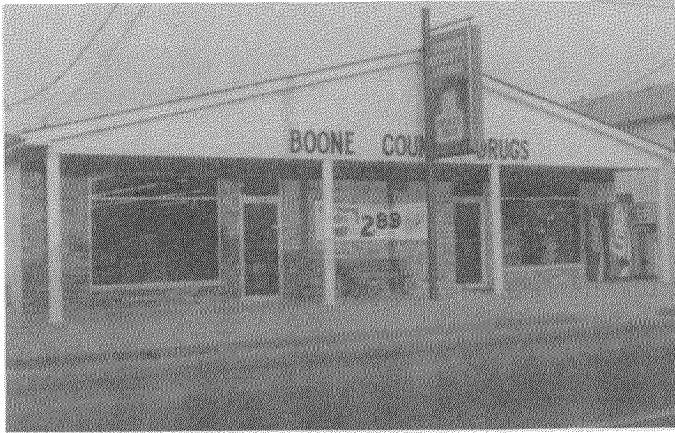


**First Pastors were Dee and Wanda Gadd.
Steve McDaniels is Pastor currently.**

Mr. G's, 142 North Main Street



This page sponsored by William T. Garland — Mr. G's Carryout



**Boone County Drugs
26 North Main Street**



**Former: Equitable Bank & Trust
Company, Walton Bank & Trust
Company, Dixie State Bank
1990
Kentucky National Bank
19 North Main Street**

**Left: Dr. John Maddox
Dentist Office,
30 North Main Street
Center: Boone County
Drugs,
26 North Main Street
Right: Johnson Insurance,
24 North Main Street**

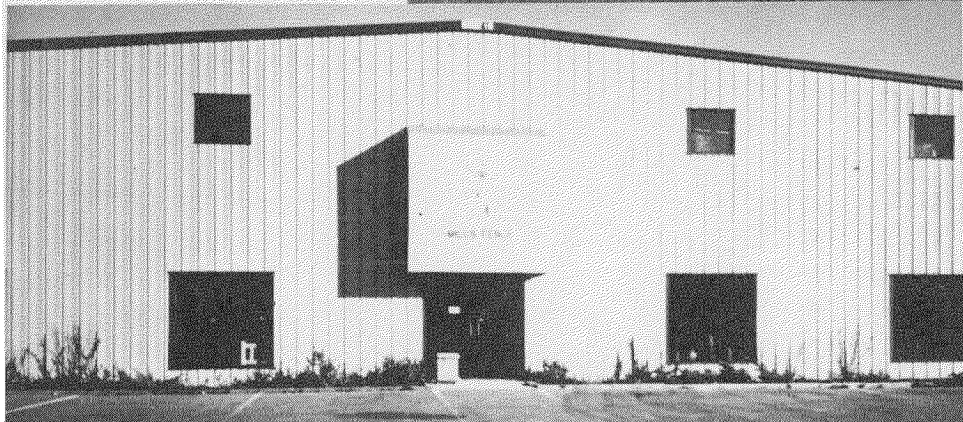
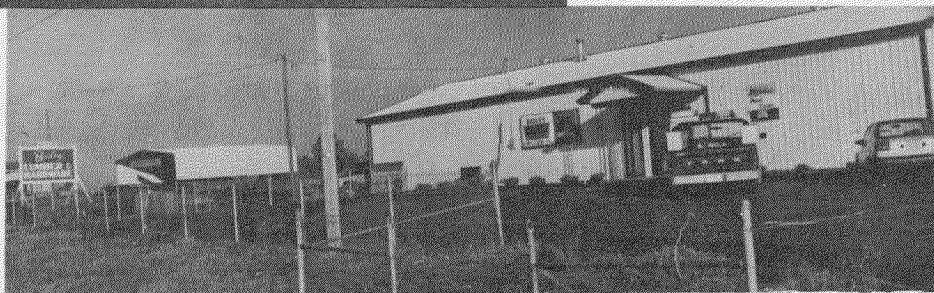


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**McElroy Service Station
& Carry Out
196 Mary Grubbs
Highway**

**Baily Lumber & Hardware
242 Mary Grubbs Highway**



**Mills Fence
Verona Road**



**Kentucky National Guard
103 Beaver Road**

**Dr. Waller, Dr. Linda Gooch
1 Beatrice Avenue**



OLDEST BUSINESS IN WALTON CHAMBERS & GRUBBS FUNERAL HOME



In 1900, C. Scott Chambers, who was 28 years old, married Alta Terrill of Petersburg, Kentucky. They had two daughters, Aleen and Mary Scott. He was an ambitious young "undertaker" in Boone County, and he decided to move his family to the largest city in the county, which was Walton at that time.

In 1928, he and his wife adopted a little girl whose name was Ella Mae. The Chamber's did

not have any sons, but his daughter, Mary Scott, was her father's shadow and was very interested in the funeral business at an early age. She conducted her first service, which was a graveside service, at the Richwood Presbyterian Church at the age of 13. Mary Scott graduated from high school at age 16 and went to Cincinnati College of Embalming everyday by train from Walton, but she had to wait until she was 21 years old before she could qualify to receive her license. She was the first lady embalmer in the state of Kentucky. Soon after getting her license, she married Wallace K. Grubbs, and he also obtained his funeral director and embalmers licenses, and went into the family owned business.

In 1936, the Grubbs family moved into the new funeral home at 45 N. Main and Alta Vista, along with their daughter, Jeanette, two sons, Wallace "Buddy", and Johnny, and a new baby boy named James Davis. Little Jimmy would later become the third generation to own and operate the same funeral home.

In 1940, a baby girl named Elizabeth was born. In December of 1943, C. Scott Chambers died suddenly at his home. Wallace and Mary Scott worked hard, continued the business, and served many families until their deaths in 1975 and 1980.

The connector highway between I-75 and U.S. 25 was named "Mary Grubbs Highway" in memory of Mary Scott.

In 1983, James D's son, Steve, graduated from Mid-America College of Mortuary Science in Jeffersonville, Indiana, and is now the fourth generation to be working in the same building and carrying on the family tradition as a funeral director.

Aleen Chambers Conner is 88 years young and lives in Florence. Mrs. Alta Chambers and Ella Mae Watson are both deceased.

CLARION MANUFACTURING CORPORATION OF AMERICA



Clarion broke ground for their plant located on 1292 or Old Beaver Road in July, 1986. The City of Walton was awarded a \$440,000 Economic Development Grant to purchase the land from Long's Limited to build the plant. Clarion leased the land from the City for 15 years at \$1.00 per year. At the end of the 15 years, Clarion is obligated to purchase the land for the Grant amount which the City can use for future development. Currently, the status of the property belonging to the City, no taxation required. The Company does make payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$19,320, which 0.00308% or \$10,780 is forwarded on to Walton-Verona School District leaving the City's share at \$8,540. This is based on the \$3,500,000.00 Industrial Revenue Bonds issued by the City of Walton.

Clarion Corporation Of America is owned by Clarion Shoji Co. Ltd. The Company has been an asset to our area providing employment to approximately 200 persons. The building is beautiful with attractive surroundings. Radio components and cellular phones are manufactured. Richard Searles is vice president of operations and has adapted to our City excellently. He is always ready to be involved in any activity pertaining to Walton. This past Old Fashioned Day, Dick served as our Grand Marshall and for the past year served on the Economic Development Committee. The Company projects a positive image by involving employees daily on an open-communication routine as to their thoughts and if they have any problems. An exercise program to begin each day with small personal recognitions of birthdays, attendance and work productions make being an employee special. Therefore, the City of Walton is proud of Clarion.

WALTON IGA



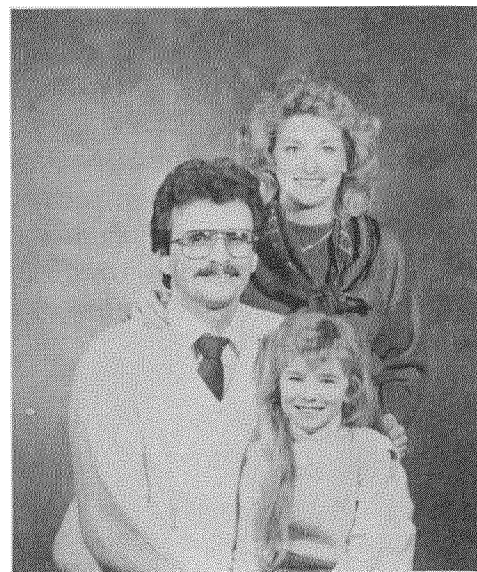
Gary and Debra Landrum are the owners of the Walton IGA grocery store, which has a long history in the City of Walton.

On June 13, 1957, the Beighle Brothers, Charles Samuel and Paul Calvin Beighle, operated a small grocery store of approximately 2000 square feet at 67 N. Main Street (formerly Ace Hardware). Along with nine other Greater Cincinnati grocers, they became Charter Members of the Independent Grocers Alliance, creating one of the first IGA stores in this area. Previous to this, they were located at 104 N. Main (formerly Kings Family Restaurant) and operated a country store they had purchased from Harold and Florian Lusby in October of 1947. During those days items were behind the counter and the grocer waited on each individual customer. The Beighle Brothers prospered and in 1959 they doubled the size of their grocery. In the years that followed, brothers Truett, Edward and Monty Beighle joined them. In 1964 they sold their business to Stan Jones and Dale Dowery. The Beighle Brothers went on to open the Grant County IGA, where they still are today.

Stan Jones operated the IGA store at 67 N. Main for several years but needed more room. After remodeling he moved the business to the Old Theatre House, where IGA is today, at 51 N. Main Street.

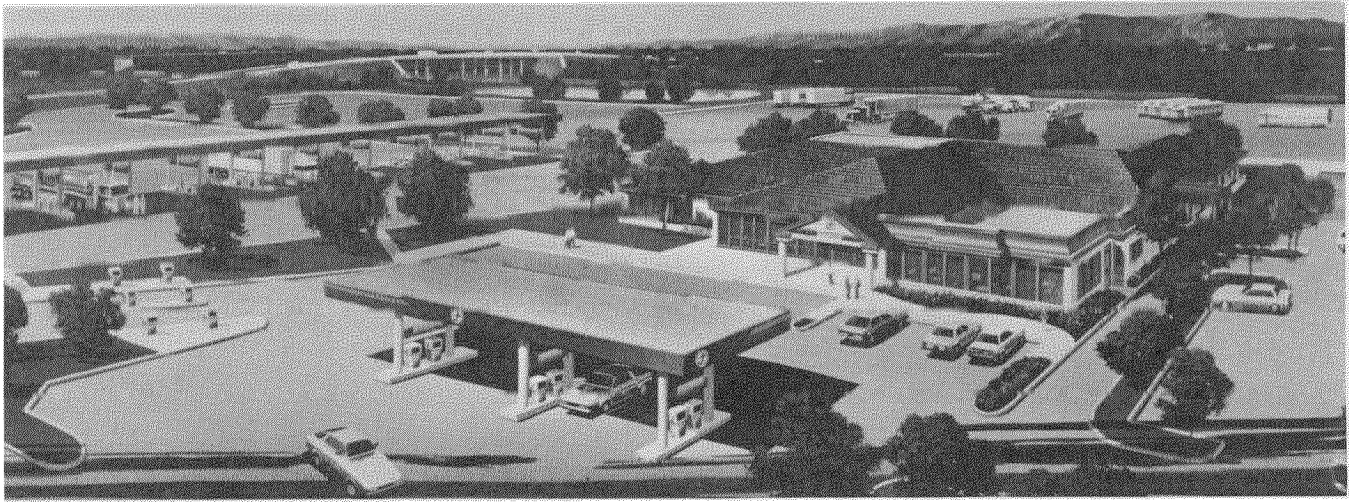
Since February 2, 1980, Gary and Debra Landrum have owned the IGA store. Gary is a former employee of the Beighle brothers and grew up in Crittenden, Kentucky. As a boy, he visited Walton and his parents shopped here.

In 1990, Gary and Debra Landrum celebrate their 10 Year Anniversary as Landrums, Inc. doing business as Walton IGA.



Gary, Debra and Toni Landrum

FLYING J TRUCK PLAZA



FLYING J was founded in the 1950s by O. Jay Call with a single gas station in Willard, Utah. The chain had grown to four retail stations by 1968.

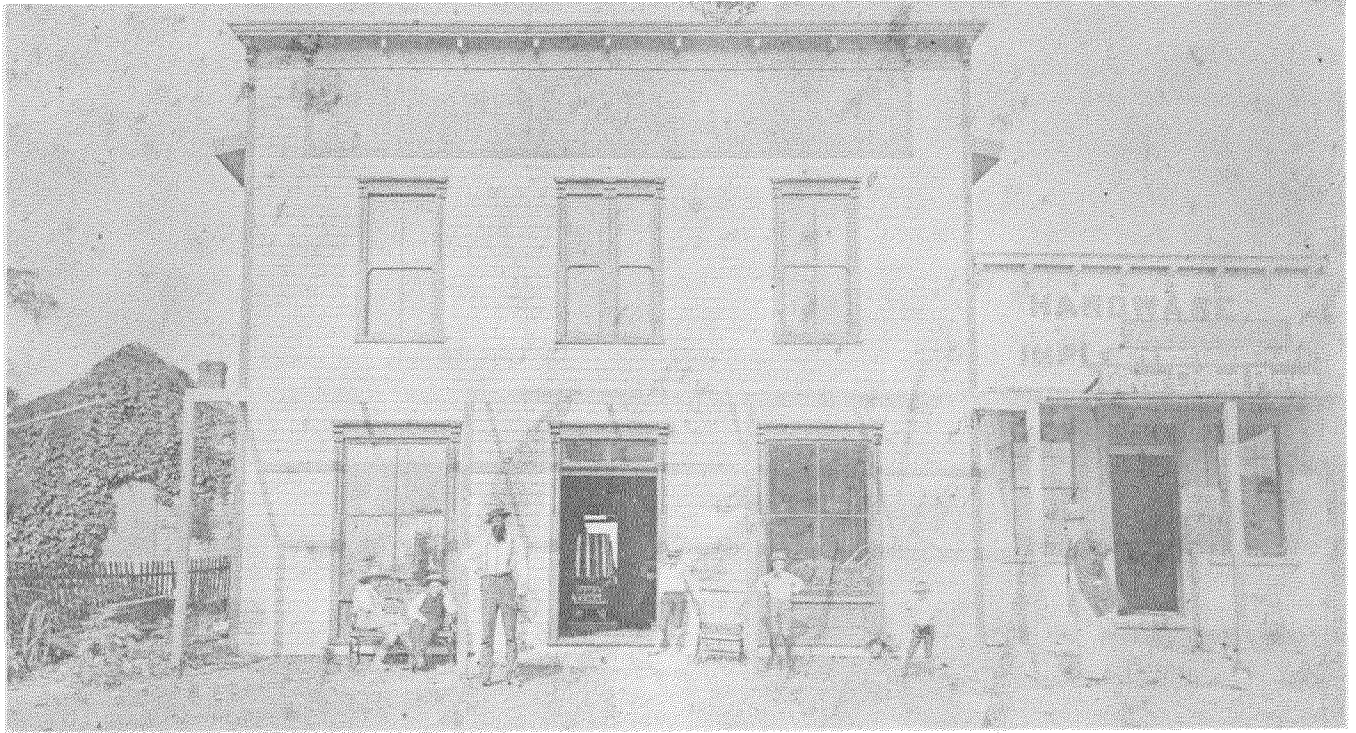
It first opened a travel plaza to serve the interstate travelers in 1979 in Ogden, Utah. Flying J's home office is in Brigham City, Utah. They now have 32 full-service travel plazas in operation. In 1986, Flying J bought out Husky Oil Refining Operation becoming one of the largest independent oil producers in the United States.

The Flying J Truck Plaza in Walton, Kentucky was built on 15 acres at the intersection of Stephenson Mill Road and Kentucky 14. The plaza includes both diesel and gasoline services and parks over 200 semi-tractor trailers. Also there is a deluxe drivers' facility, a convenience store, shoe shine stand, a beauty and barber shop, and a 24-hour first class restaurant.

Ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for the Walton Truck Plaza was Monday, March 26, 1990. The City of Walton is very happy to have Flying J as part of our community.

Ground Breaking
Flying J
May 24, 1989





Post Office (small building) Late 1800

The hardware store is now AQW.

This building had the first elevator and telephone in the city.

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*In 1914, Mayfield Electric Company's plant was right across the street from the present site of Walton's City Hall. The city's lights went out at midnight because that's when the plant shut down. Warren Stephenson operated the plant for Harry Mayfield*

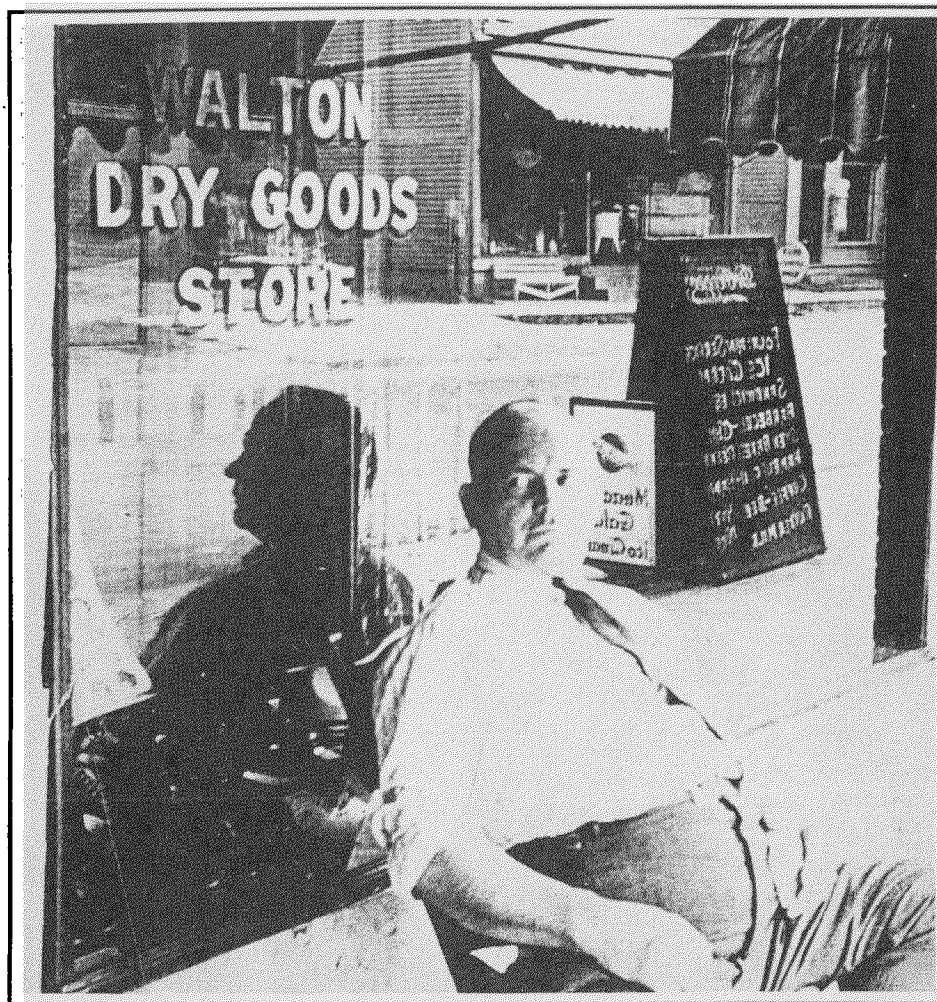
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The old school building at 85 North Main Street housed twelve grades. The first eight grades were on the first floor and the high school and chapel were on the second floor. Every Monday, the school had a chapel service. Students studied music and home ec when there was a teacher available to instruct them. Students also took Latin for two years followed by Virgil (Virgil is the third year of Latin) and studied French. Walton High School graduated five students in 1926. The girls wore white dresses and carried roses with a long green trail. Graduation ceremonies alternated every year between the Christian and the Baptist churches.

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*A stable in Walton was converted to a movie house for silent movies.*

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Kleo Vallandingham owned the Walton Garage and sold Chryslers and Plymouths. The garage was located to the left of the present-day Kentucky National Bank where the vacant lot is now. This was sometime after 1939. Kleo took over the business when her husband got sick. When her husband died, she went to Chrysler and asked for the dealership. She was the first woman to have a dealership.

THE PERCIVAL FIRE

by C. Spencer Chambers



A wind was blowing fiercely from the northwest, heavily laden with snow; it was late at night while Walton slept—to be exact January 10, 1871—that the cry of fire rang through the village streets.

That cry brought to the scene of the great conflagration the most borrow-stricken throng that ever assembled in its streets. The Percival Hotel, at High and Main Streets, was wrapped in flames. Women bowed their heads and prayed, while their husbands did everything physically possible to save those unfortunates, crying for help from the top floor, pinned in by the flames sweeping through the halls, caused by a large glass in a door, being broken, at the foot of the hall where an oil lamp had overturned. The high wind made the flames unquenchable.

The flames spread to Johnson & Co.'s general store on the opposite corner, where now the Masonic Hall building stands. The building went down to ashes long before the hotel, as it was an enormous structure for a village the size of Walton.

The country people came in, as help was rent for by men who had the spirit of Paul Revere and as they rode, told how Walton was threatened. These people brought buckets and tubs to augment the none too large amount in use. They were too late to save the hotel and store, but they saved the old Senate, one of Walton's most picturesque buildings, across from the Johnson & Co.'s store, and the two houses that were opposite the hotel.

The only one on the top floor of the hotel to escape was Melvin Percival, who was then eleven years old. His twin brother, Orville G. Percival, Miss Christiana Ransler, and a colored domestic were burned to death.

It has been seventy years since Walton's greatest fire, and the forgotten hero of this conflagration has never received the credit due her. Miss Christiana Ransler, who was sleeping in a front room on the second floor, had gone to the top floor to, either rescue or console Orville Percival, and met her death, beside him. As they were together in death, Mr. Percival had them buried in the same grave in his private cemetery, and erected a beautiful stone to their memory.

Walton was in mourning for many days.

The real center of life, where men came to meet the stage coach and get their papers, see the famous and near-famous on their way to Lexington, was no more—only charred timbers covered with ice met the eyes.

Mr. Percival defrayed the expenses of the funeral of the colored domestic, whose name seems to be forgotten. She was buried in the colored people's burying ground on the Lane farm, just across the railroad from where the canning factory now stands.

Walton has had many fires, but non to compare with the one in January, 1871.

(This hotel belonged to Ira Percival whose son was Tom Percival. Tom was the father of Margaret Percival Armstrong and Annabel Percival.)

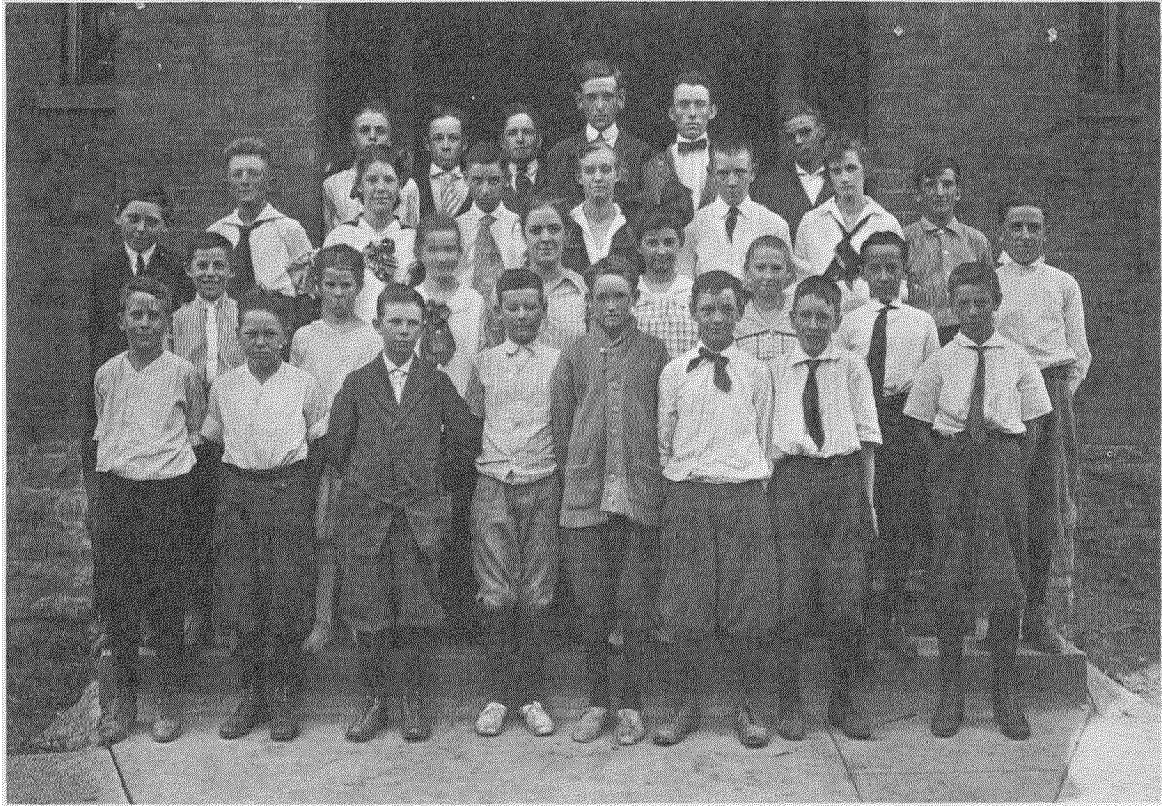


Located on Nicholson Avenue
1904 Circa
Owned by Mr. Metcalfe, father of Faye Conner and Lucille Brakefield

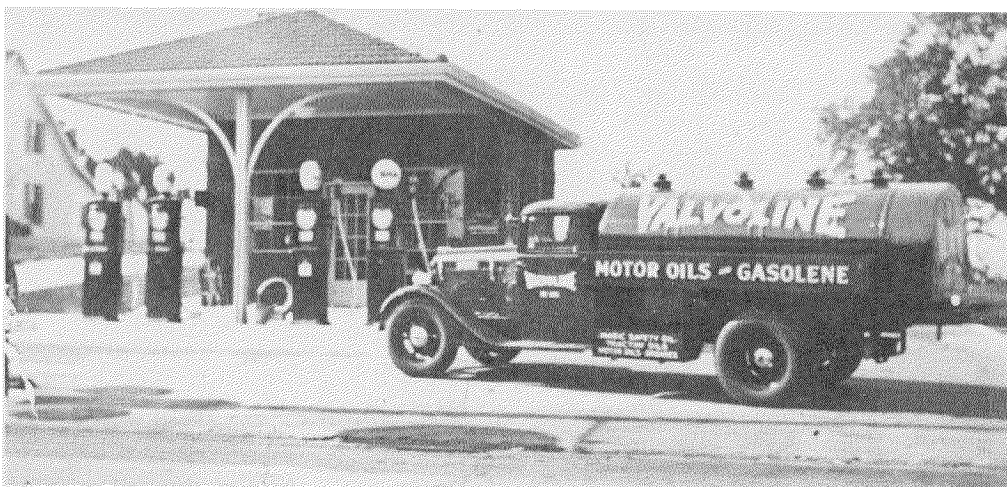
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*Walton has the distinction of having the first laundromat, in 1921. Mr. Theodore Burdsall built a building across from IGA with a large cistern below it getting water from the roof. Bendix washing machines were installed and the dryers were metal housing heated with an oil heater.*  
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*The Walton Lodge F & A.M. was organized in 1899 and meets today in their second floor meeting room at 10 South Main Street and has approximately 150 members.*  
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Left to Right: Row 1, Raymond Beverly, Francis Bedinger, Hollie Aylor, Harold Sleek, Gilbert Smith, Asa Rouse, Edmund Bristow, Lee Sanders.
Row 2, Lloyd Johnson, unknown, Georgia Rouse, Zoe Callender, Myrtle Grubbs, Thelma Johnson, Raymond Nicholson, David Hauce.
Row 3, unknown, John Campbell, Faye Metcalfe, Roland Glenn, Elizabeth Dixon, Adolph Edwards, Mary L. Dudley, Robert Stephenson.
Row 4, Harry Daugherty, unknown first name Laws, Garvin Brown, Walter Whitson, Willie Readnour, Preston Miller.



Oil Station at corner
of Alta Vista and
North Main Street —
"Falls Corner"

Early 1930 oil truck
of James E. Falls



OLD FASHION DAY 1973 — — — 1990



**Mayor William King and
Cindy Green, Miss Walton 1990**

This wonderful day was started in 1973 by Mayor Dallas Justice, in conjunction with celebrating 175 years of Boone County history. Being a part of Boone County, the City of Walton wanted to be included in the celebration.

The local people started contributing donations and volunteering their services. The store windows were decorated with family heirlooms, quilts and old photographs.

Beginning the day at 11:00 A.M. with a parade down Main Street, several hundred people gathered from all over to help the town's people celebrate the annual event.

After the parade, the fun starts with booths of all kinds set up on Main Street. There is a beauty contest, choosing our "Miss Walton" of the year. A favorite of all is the Costume Judging Contest and the Fiddling Contest.

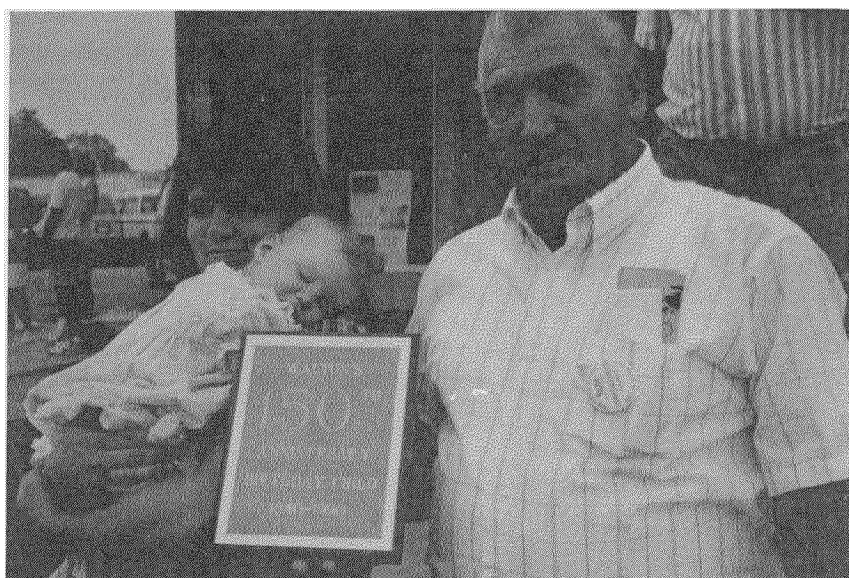
Later in the day, there are all types of games for the young and the old. As evening approaches, everyone enjoys the different variety of bands and the dancing in the streets until midnight.

Every year has shown a tremendous turn-out of local people, visitors and anyone out for a fun day of make-believe, as the people of Walton relive the days of long ago.



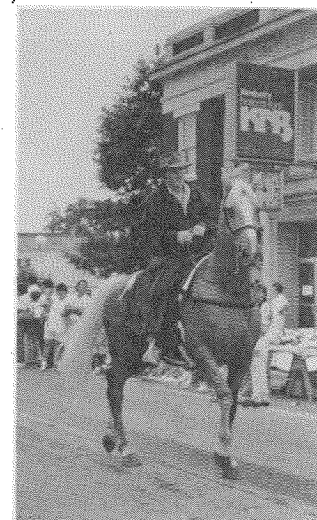
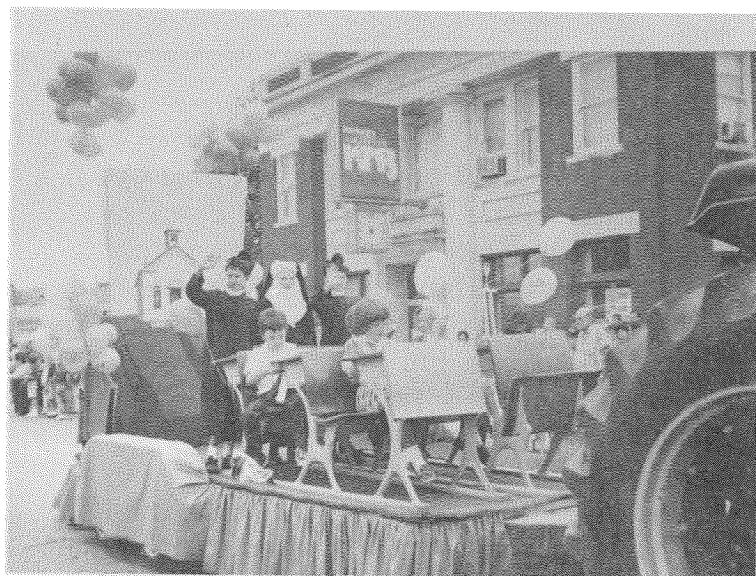
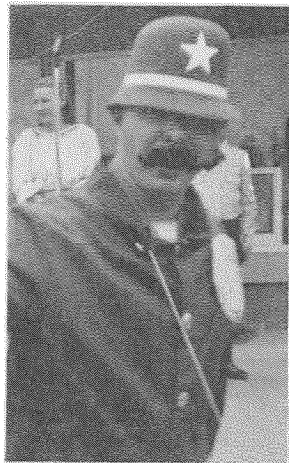


**Left to Right: Julia Bird, Megan Trumble, Mrs. Kentucky — Rhonda Hubbard, Sara Ryder, Sherehee Rimer, Nicole Eads, Karl Wethington.
Front, Left to Right: Rocky Medeiros, Bridget McIntyre**



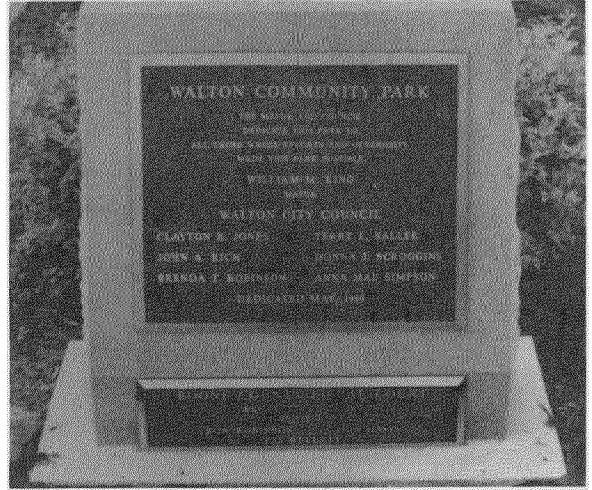
Mayor King presenting Melissa Hampton the 150th Anniversary Birthday Child Plaque — Melissa was the child born closest to the city's birthday, January 21st.





COMMUNITY PARK

In 1985, the Boone County Jaycees approached George W. Ryan (then Mayor) with the possibility of starting a park for the benefit of the citizens of Walton. The Old Reservoir, which was no longer used as a water source by the City, was considered as a site but it was felt more land was needed. In 1986, Mayor William King met with Boone County Jaycees John Layne, Charles Blu and Mike Apgar and organized a Park Committee. A site was selected of 28 acres located on Old Stephenson Mill adjacent to Walton-Verona High School. A Purchase Contract was negotiated with Mrs. Dorothy Hill at \$5,000 per acre. Press releases in February revealed pledges and fund-raisers being organized to raise the \$140,000. Jack Baxter of the



University of Kentucky designed the layout of the park. Finally, Boone County Fiscal Court offered to match funds for development of the park. In June 1986, the first check was written to Mrs. Hill. In December, Mrs. Hill generously donated two more acres bringing the total to 30 acres in our park. Overall, our business establishments, organizations and citizens contributed unselfishly to bring about the purchasing of the land. The Walton Youth Club, no longer active, transferred remaining funds to the Park Fund. Today, a plaque is on Shelter House #1 recognizing the Stella Cluster family for their contribution to Walton Youth in the 1960's. Mrs. Emma Cluster approved transferring funds so as to continue providing recreational facilities for our youth.

With the help of Phillip Trzop, Construction Phase I started September 1, 1988 and the "Grand Opening Day" was July 21, 1989. With Phase I completed, the City turned its attention to Phase II — the Soccer Field and a new road were finished. In the fall of 1990, Phase III is to start. This project will include Basketball, Volleyball and Tennis Courts and a Baseball Field. The City of Walton's goal is to establish a District Park in Southern Boone County.

The progress of the Walton Park can only be realized when you realize that we started with a vacant piece of land and in two years, turned 30 acres into a beautiful community park for the enjoyment of young and old alike.



Mayor King and Boone County
Parks Director, Ken Hund
unveiling plaque.

This page in appreciation of Mrs. Dorothy Tomlin Hill
and to the memory of the John Tomlin family.

150th Anniversary

City of Walton

January 21, 1990

AGENDA

2:00 P.M. Doors open to public

2:30 P.M. Opening Remarks: Randy Lawrence, Chairman

Invocation - Rev. Kenneth Cole

Walton Baptist Church

Introduction of Walton Mayor William King

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies

Honorable Bruce Ferguson

Boone County Judge Executive

Cutting of Birthday Cake: Long Time Residents

Fay Connor

J.B. Johnson

Lucille Brakefield

Agnes Sleet

Louise Conrad

Rev. Wayne Byland

Introduction of Former Mayors of Walton

Lawrence McCartt 1930

R.M. Hall 1950 - 1957

Kelly Kennedy 1962 - 1964

Paul Simpson 1964 - 1966

Dale Stephens 1966 - 1971

Guy Carlisle 1971 - 1972

Sam Gamble 1974 - 1978

William King 1978 - 1982

George W. Ryan 1982 - 1986

William King 1986 - present

Introduction of Walton City Council Members

Anna Mae Simpson

Donna Scroggins

Clayton B. Jones

Rosalyn Beach

John Rich

Arthur Meisberger

Introduction of Special Guests:

Introduction of former Governor Liason Dr. Floyd Poore

Introduction of State Senator Patti Weaver

Introduction of State Representative Bill McBee

Introduction of Boone County Commissioners

Don Davis - Irene Patrick - Shirley Miehaus

Introduction of Boone County Sheriff Elmer Wright

3:30 P.M. Walton-Verona High School Band

Directed by Dan Stenger

4:00 P.M. Walton-Verona Chorus

Directed by Cheryl Gibbons

4:15 P.M. Recognition of Walton Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Don McIntyre

1978 - present

Former Chiefs:

Russell Groger

1948 - 1956

Charles Worthington

1956 - 1973

Ed Berkemeier

1973 - 1974

Ken Berkemeier

1974 - 1976

John Taylor

1976 - 1977

Tom Webster

1977 - 1977

Bobby Joe Glenn

1977 - 1978

4:45 P.M. Students of St. Joseph Academy

"History of All Saints Parish"

Directed by Sister Virginia Marie

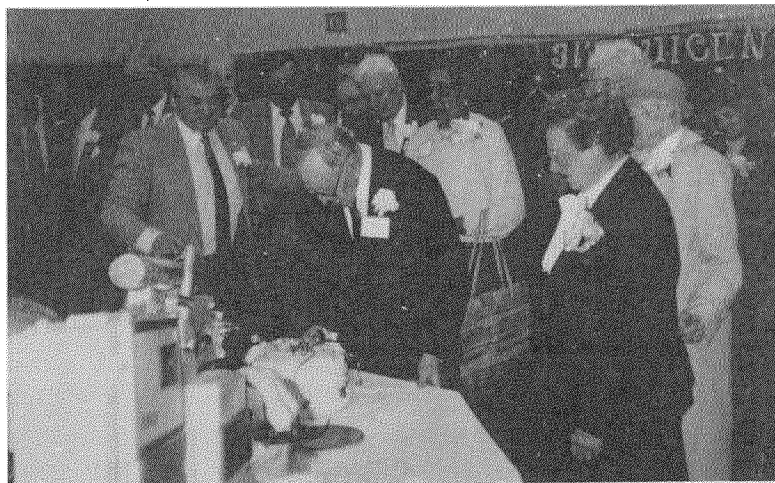
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- John Roberts for letting us use his sketch for our cover. Mr. Roberts is a former Waltonian. The sketch is the Walton Depot around 1858.

- Walton-Verona Independent Schools for use of the building.

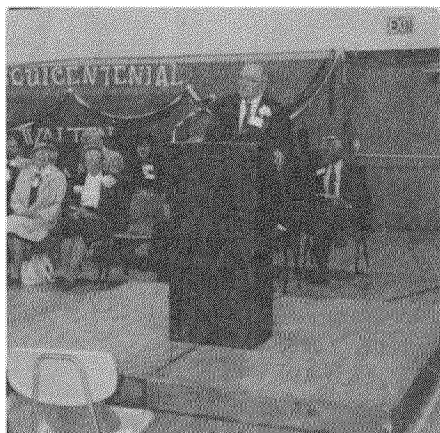
- Walton-Verona Art Club for decorations.

- Deloris Cheesman for refreshments.



In front, Mayor King, Rev. Byland,
Lucille Brakefield
Back, Guy Carlisle, J.B. Johnson,
Agnes Sleet

Mayor William King, J.B.
Johnson, Louise Conrad
and Faye Conner



Rev. Wayne Byland — Oldest
Walton Verona graduate



Judge Executive,
Bruce Ferguson
— Master of Ceremonies



PATRONS LIST

Sister Robert Mary, SJW	Betty Webster	William Locke
Sister Ellen, SJW	Vicki Webster	— Council 76-77
Sister Alice Martha, SJW	Bernard Welte	Bill Slomer
Sister Mary, SJW	Jessie Fisk	Sandra Presser Slomer
Sister Mary Rosalie, SJW	Edith Dorsey	Marie Chapman Blizzard
Sister Margaret David, SJW	Nina Shepperd	Kenneth Kramer
Sister Mary Petronilla, SJW	Millie Snider	Spencer and Martha Biddle
Sister Agnes Edward, SJW	Cora (Craddock) West	JB and Maxine McCubbin
Sister Francis Edward, SJW	Ann Wolf	In memory of Jack
Sister Ann, SJW	Delma Koren Brock	Berkshire - By Lou
Sister Alma, SJW	Blanche Menke	Beverly Treadway
Sister Mary Virginia, SJW	Virgil Hogan	Barbara Wilson
Sister Benedict Joseph, v	Virginia Hogan	Bob and Betty Slayback
Sister Virginia Marie, SJW	Edward Douglas	(Walton Post Office)
Sister Anita Marie, SJW	Gilbert Napier	Rose Horn
Sister Rita Theresa, SJW	Gay, Richard, Lacy and	Bob Horn — Worked on I-75
Sister Margery, SJW	Beau Robinson	in 1960's
Sister Patricia Jean, SJW	Gaines and Pauline Huey	Dean, Michele and Colt
Sister Celeste Marie, SJW	Bradley G. Huey	Almeta M. Ingram
Sister Margaret Mary, SJW	Ed and Marcele Gibson	Shirley Johnson
Sister Mary Catherine, SJW	Tom and Renée Farwell	Florence Ryan
Sister Mary Christina, SJW	JM and Corky Huey	Barry, Marilyn and
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Dora Stephenson	Jamie Pierce	Delbert F. Northcutt
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Prayer**

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Our Heavenly Father, we love you.
With your help we have built
Earthly Castles, we have crossed Earthly
Oceans and fought in man made wars.

Untill you have been with us. Our
plea is for your forgiveness and the
gift of Eternal Life, so that we can be
with you and help build Heavenly Castles
and cross eternity's ocean together. Then
attend your heavenly gathering for the
destruction of war and pestilence.

We love you Lord Amen, Amen.

**The Walton Family
N.R.W. Jr.**

**SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS FROM
LUCILLE METCALF BRAKEFIELD AND FAYE METCALF CONNERS,
SISTERS WHOSE GRANDFATHER WAS
SAMUEL LYCURCUS EDWARDS**

January 21, 1840 — An act to establish the town of Walton, and for other purposes. Sec.1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, that the town called Walton, now laid off in the County of Boone, situated on the site of the Covington and Lexington turnpike road, shall be, and the same is hereby established, and known by the above name, and the boundary shall include the town lots belonging to the following persons, to wit: E. Brasher, William Pitcher, John Arnold, Reuben Noel, Michael Snyder, William Vanhorn, Margaret Leonard, Silas Bridges, Elizabeth Butts, Nathan Connely, Samuel McLean, Melville Rich and W.W. Gaines.

Dr. R.A. Edwards came from Scotland to Walton before the Civil War. His son, Lycircus Edwards, fought in the Civil War and afterwards resided in Walton. Lycircus was a traveling salesman who sold lightning rods. Later on, he had a hardware store in Walton known as S.L. Edwards & Sons. In the same building as the hardware store, he also had a post office and a building & loan association. Lycircus also served as an undertaker, although he didn't have a funeral home. He had the first elevator and the first telephone in Walton.

Mr. Moxley used to light the town lights every night. He lived where Steve's Pub is now. He also had a cow and sold milk to people. At that time, even people who lived in town had chickens. Some also had cows and pigs.

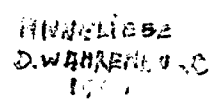
Before there were funeral homes in Walton, a dead wagon would pick up the deceased's body from the residence. The body was embalmed and then returned to the residence for visitation. A wreath placed on the front door meant that someone had just died in that house. The wreath remained on the door from the time of death until the funeral.

Around 1908, Dr. Menefee and Mr. Jones and Ralph Edwards owned the first cars in Walton. These cars were Buicks. Main Street was the first street in Walton to be paved with concrete. It was paved for one mile from one end of Walton to the other. Clifton Mayhew drove his family back and forth on this concrete street every Sunday. This was after World War I. Also, about this time, cars were becoming more popular in Walton. Most of them were Fords.

There was an open air theater on Main Street called Air Dome. It was owned by Roy Stamler. Movies were shown there and people sat on bleacher-type seats to watch them. In the early 30's, Jimmy Falls opened the James Theater, now IGA.

In the early 20's, there were two tobacco warehouses in Walton — one on Depot Street and one on Walton-Nicholson Road. Basketball games were held in the Depot Street tobacco warehouse.

Columbus C. Metcalfe graduated from medical school in 1901. Morphine was sold off grocery store shelves.



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